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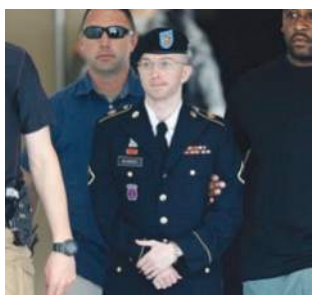

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NMI commits to enforcing ACA

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REPORTER

Despite some concerns and challenges in implementing the Affordable Care Act on island, the Northern Mariana Islands has confirmed with the federal government its commitment to start enforcing the healthcare law by next year.

CNMI Commerce Secretary Sixto Igisomar, who is also the state insurance commissioner, affirmed the CNMI's commitment in a letter to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on Monday.

Saipan Tribune learned that HHS had asked the CNMI in a July 12 letter if the Commonwealth can start the substantial enforcement of the ACA come 2014.

Igisomar

Igisomar said his Aug. 12 response letter merely informs HHS that the CNMI is working toward "substantially enforcing" the ACA.

"The letter sent from my office is to confirm with only one question, yes or no, to the substantial enforcement of the ACA come Jan. 1, 2014," Igisomar told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that the "most immediate plan of action will be dependent upon the response of HHS."

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, more commonly known as the Affordable Care Act—and Obamacare among its critics—was signed in March 2010. Its intention is to insure all Americans and

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TRAFFIC STOPPER
HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
A firefighter directs traffic along Beach Road yesterday as a $600,000 fire rescue boat is being parked in place at a Department of Public Safety fire station in Garapan. Outside of Hawaii, the CNMI's DPS now holds the distinction of having the only fire rescue boat in the entire Pacific Region.

FSM envoy marvels at changes on Saipan

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Federated States of Micronesia's Ambassador to Washington, D.C., Asterio Takesy, marvels at how Saipan has transformed itself from a sleepy town in the 1970s to a hub of tourism activity these days.

Takesy

Takesy is on Saipan with his wife Tina, arriving a couple of days ago to attend the funeral of Tina's mother Cecilia.

Takesy, who is actually a former resident of the island, got together for breakfast yesterday morning with Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan and honorary Palau consul Joe Lifoifoi. The get-together was organized by Dave M. Sablan and his wife Rita. Also

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Privatizing Parks & Rec postponed

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With time running out to roll out its plan by Oct. 1, the Inos administration has postponed privatizing the Division of Parks and Recreation, the agency responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of tourist sites.

» **Lawmaker: CNMI can't risk tourist site maintenance close to Oct. 1**

Lawmakers, meanwhile, said this gives at least another year to carefully lay out the plan, look after the welfare of the over 20 affected employees, and avoid disrupting tourist site upkeep at a time when tourism is on the upswing once more.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos made the decision after a meeting yesterday morning with Department of Lands and Natural Resources

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DC plan members now also want to withdraw money from Fund

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With all the talks about the tentatively approved NMI Retirement Fund settlement agreement, government employees who opted to move to the defined contribution plan have also started seeking Senate passage of a House bill that allows DC members to withdraw their contributions without terminating employment.

The same opportunity to withdraw contributions has been afforded to defined benefit plan members.

"What about us?" a Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. nurse asked yesterday.

The 49-year-old nurse said an urgent family need forces him to consider withdrawing half of his DC contribution without quitting his job.

"I do not want to leave my job, but I hope that the Senate will pass the bill so I can at least withdraw half of my contributions and the other half stays with the DC plan," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

The Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chaired by Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) recently wrapped up public hearings on House Bill 18-46, House Draft 1.

As of yesterday, it is not known whether a committee report on the bill will be ready in time for Wednesday's Senate session.

Another DC plan member, also working as a nurse at CHC, said she would also like to withdraw a

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Inos draws more support on deal

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos' two town hall meetings this week and another meeting with lawmakers yesterday have paid off as he is gaining more support for the tentatively approved NMI Retirement Fund settlement agreement.

In a meeting with House and Senate members on Capital Hill, the governor was assured that the Legislature will adopt a resolution endorsing the settlement agreement.

"Upon reading the settlement agreement, I am now convinced that this settlement is the way to go. That people will be left out if they opt out. I am staying on with the Fund," House Special Committee on Retirement Fund Rep. Mario Taitano (Ind-Saipan) told *Saipan Tribune*.

Taitano was among the lawmakers who earlier opposed the settlement, mainly because of the 25-percent pension cut.

Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), who was also at the meeting with the governor, said the meeting also focused on revenue-generating bills at the Legislature that will help restore the pension cut as well as to pay the deferred interest for those that have withdrawn their Fund contributions.

Lawmakers took turns raising their concerns about the settlement deal.

A few hours later, the governor held his second townhall meeting at the Garapan Elementary School cafeteria last night.

As with the first townhall meeting, the governor made the crowd understand the settlement deal and answered their questions.

Without a final settlement agreement, the pension agency's funds may be depleted much faster than anticipated, he said.

The administration made changes to the informational materials it has been distributing, to clarify that "inactive members" are part of the settlement class and that the date of determining whether an individual is part of the class is Aug. 6, 2013.

Settlement class members are current retirees, survivors of retirees, inactive members who have not terminated membership in the NMI Retirement Fund, or active employees who are members of the defined benefit plan and did not elect to terminate under Public Laws 17-82 or 18-2.

NMC students assured: No tuition hike this fall

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The Northern Marianas College has assured its students that there will be no increases in tuition and fees at least for this fall 2013 semester.

NMC president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., confirmed yesterday with *Saipan Tribune* the status quo on fees.

Hart said that revising tuition rates and fees is among the things that all colleges and universities always review each semester but that will not be the case at NMC at this time.

"Not this semester. If we're going to raise tuition and fees, surely we're going to the Board [of Regents] but not until the spring [semester]," she said, adding that tuition adjustments are typically enforced in the fall semester.

"We haven't done anything for this fall semester but I can't see what will happen in the next fall," said Hart. "We're trying to keep everything affordable for our students."

NMC's tuition rate is currently at $95 per credit for a resident student and $190 per credit for nonresident enrollees.

According to Student Services dean Leo Pangelinan, in the event tuition and fees are changed, the management will make sure that it will give all students ample time to prepare for the increase.

Saipan Tribune learned that the college last implemented a tuition hike more than five years ago.

Officials believe that NMC may suffer a decline in its enrollment numbers if tuition rates are adjusted.

Meantime, Pangelinan disclosed that NMC continues to see strong enrollment growth among foreign students, or non-U.S. citizens that have F1 visas.

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Senate panel OKs 'some degree' of NMD blood to own NMI land

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The Senate Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law recommends passage of a House initiative proposing to amend Article 12 of the NMI Constitution to allow any U.S. citizen with "at least some degree" of Chamorro or Carolinian blood to be considered a person of Northern Marianas descent and can therefore own land in the CNMI.

Currently, only those with at least 25 percent NMD blood can own land in the CNMI under the NMI Constitution's Article 12.

If the full Senate passes House Legislative Initiative 18-1, the question will then be placed on the ballot in the next regular general election, which is in 2014.

The ultimate decision rests with voters.

All members of the Senate JGL Committee signed off on the two-page report recommending passage of the initiative. They are Senate floor leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan), Sens. Victor Hocog (R-Rota), Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), Francisco Borja (Ind-Tinian), and Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota).

As of yesterday, it's not known whether this initiative will be taken up by the Senate in its session rescheduled for Wednesday as the agenda has yet to be disseminated.

Supporters of the initiative said this measure will help ensure that NMDs will be able to pass on their land to their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and so on, even if they fall below the current 25-percent NMD blood requirement.

HLI 18-1 proposes to amend the NMI Constitution's Article 12, Section 4, "in order to legally provide that a person who has at least some degree of Northern Marianas Chamorro or Northern Marianas Carolinian blood and who is a citizen or national of the United States shall be deemed a bona fide person of Northern Marianas descent for all purposes under Article 12, upon providing evidence to the Superior Court."

The court has to certify that a person is an NMD.

The House passed Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro's (R-Saipan) initiative on March 27 by a vote of 18-0 with two absences.

The administration earlier said it is cognizant that after so many years, there are many NMDs who have families from interracial marriages and as a result, the administration views this latest initiative as "a valuable measure to ensure that landownership is not lost along these lines."

But given the nature of any initiative, the administration recognizes that voters must be adequately educated about this issue as ultimately, "the decision rests with them."

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portion of her contributions but without having to resign.

"I was just wondering, what has happened to that bill?" she added.

There are "close to 1,000 government employees who opted to move to the defined contribution plan."

By a vote of 20-0, the House passed vice speaker Frank Dela Cruz's (Ind-Saipan) HB 18-46 in June.

A House committee that reviewed and recommended the bill's passage said DC plan members' biggest concern is that 10 percent of their salary is being deducted every payday and now that the U.S. Social Security contribution is kicking in, that will mean another 6 percent deduction. This means a total of 16 percent is being taken from their paychecks.

"The DC plan members believe that they should be given the same opportunity as the DB members to be able to withdraw their accounts upon request without being required to terminate employment," the committee said.

Public Law 17-82 made membership in the DC plan voluntary. However, there was no provision made for withdrawal of the DC member's account prior to termination of employment.

The same law allowed only DB plan members to withdraw their contributions. Although the law gave DB plan members the option to roll over their money to the DC plan, it did not allow them to withdraw their money if they wanted out of the DC plan.

If the amounts withdrawn by the member are not rolled over into a 401k or other approved retirement account, the member will be required to pay Chapter 7 income tax, Chapter 2 earnings tax and may be subject to a 10 percent penalty.

The bill says the penalty imposed for early withdrawal is established by the Internal Revenue Code incorporated by 4 CMC Chapter 7.

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in attendance were Takesy's wife Tina, Lifoifoi's wife Cecilia, Fr. Ken Urumolug, S.J., and Sablan's staff Kyle Calabrese.

"Saipan is truly home to us. All three of our daughters were born and raised here. We not only have friends but also relatives, blood relatives like Joe [Lifoifoi] and Rita and David [Sablan]," Takesy said.

Tina herself said they would always have fond memories of Saipan, since it is the place where she and Takesy first met and where their courtship began.

"It's just like a honeymoon coming back here to Saipan," smiled Tina, an alumnus of Mt. Carmel School.

Takesy said he actually lived on Saipan for seven years, from 1970 to 1977. He was recruited as a public information officer straight out of college by the Trust Territory government and worked for one summer.

"I applied to work for the Congress of Micronesia then and was hired as chief clerk and I held that position for seven years, then we moved to Pohnpei."

Since then, Takesey said he's been back to Saipan more than a dozen times and has seen its transformation.

"Absolutely seen change on the islands. Roads basically, the main arteries are still here but there's a lot of additional back roads that didn't exist then. So infrastructure-wise, Saipan has grown a big deal. The housing units not only multiplied but the quality of housing here has improved considerably. It's to the credit of the representation in the U.S. Congress and the local leadership."

Takesy said he is aware that the CNMI economy is quite reliant on government expenditure and so whenever the government shrinks it has a huge rippling effect on the economy.

"It is very regrettable that the Saipan economy has been experiencing a downturn but I think I'm seeing a glimmer of light in your regrowth. I see some South Koreans who are investing in here. The hotels seem to be filled but of course I've only been here for a couple of days so this is just a peripheral observation."

In relation to the CNMI, Takesy observed that the economies of the FSM, the Marshall Islands, and Palau are at a slower—albeit steadier—pace than the Commonwealth's.

"The three Micronesian governments that were spun out of the Trust Territories have grown slowly but I think steadily. The fastest growth is at the Republic of Palau and it's not surprising because they are the closest to the largest market, which is Southeast Asia in terms of tourism and trade. Palau now I believe has seven airlines. Tourism is definitely the largest. The Marshalls and FSM are slow and we're still dependent on tourism and fisheries export and limited agriculture."

Exports

When told about a proposed free trade in the region being championed by Guam Speaker Judith Won Pat, Takesy said it couldn't come at a better time as it is a much needed shot in the arm for FSM's agriculture sector.

"It's an enigma. We've been trying to export bananas to the CNMI and Guam for years. What has happened is [that] customs regulations haven't allowed free movement of agriculture produce [within the region]. The main stumbling block is the bugs that FSM has is different than what exists in Guam and the CNMI but there are many ways to treat that, including fumigation. I think perhaps economic pressures or perhaps there are political pressures. I'm not aware of the specifics but I do know that we're not allowed to bring large volumes of bananas."

On the other hand, he said that customs and political or economic factors are not entirely to blame.

"In fairness to importers, if you're in business you want steady volume of exports. Maybe, and I say maybe, we're not able to produce that. I think there's a lack of clear communication with regards to what you need and what the FSM is able to fulfill. I think we're not into that level of understanding yet. I'm in the belief that FSM can produce bananas that can support the tourism industries of the CNMI and Guam."

Delegate Sablan thanked David Sablan for inviting him to the get-together and even noted that it was historic since "it's not everyday you have the ambassador of the FSM and consul of Palau in the same room together."

"This is a first and I'm proud to join Ambassador Takesy and Consul Joe Lifoifoi. I am actually holding it as a badge of pride in Congress that I'm the only Micronesian in the United States Congress. I am as well as the ambassador and consul are Trust Territory citizens before. I also work closely with the diplomatic corps, including from the Micronesian region. Happy to see Takesy visiting Saipan and I've known him forever."

He also congratulated Lifoifoi for being reappointed Palau consul. "It doesn't matter who's the president of Palau, he always gets the appointment."

MARK RABAGO

Federated States of Micronesia's Ambassador to Washington, D.C., Asterio Takesy, second right, poses for a group shot with, from left, Cecilia Lifoifoi, honorary Palau consul Joe Lifoifoi, Tina Takesy, David M. Sablan, and Rita Sablan after a breakfast get-together at Fiesta Resort and Saipan yesterday morning.

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Foreign students comprise 22 percent of the college's total enrollment each semester.

NMC, according to Pangelinan, gets an average of 1,200 students per semester.

"We're noticing an increase among students with CW [contract worker] visa moving to FI visa status," he said, adding that the bulk of these foreign students are from the Philippines, China, Korea, and a few from Japan and Thailand.

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reduce the costs of healthcare, including regulating the premium rates of health insurance carriers. This law includes several provisions and policies that are being challenged by many states.

Igisomar earlier disclosed that one of the challenges the CNMI faces is its ability to enforce market reforms under the ACA. Some examples of these market reforms are pre-existing conditions exclusion; fair health insurance premium; guaranteed availability of coverage; non-discrimination in healthcare; and many others.

In a letter to Gary Cohen, director of Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight of HHS, Igisomar outlined the CNMI's concerns and sought assistance from the federal agency.

"I can confirm that the CNMI continues to work toward the ability to substantially enforce the additional consumer protections beginning on Jan. 1, 2014, including the guaranteed availability requirements," said Igisomar.

However, at this critical moment, he wants the Health Department's full support in obtaining funding and other resources.

Currently, the CNMI receives federal grants for its premium rate review and consumer advocacy program. These grants, however, do not provide for the direct technical and legal support to respond to market reforms.

"The concern this office continues to have is not on the authority of such expansion, but rather the implementation of the federal act. As the enforcement of the market conduct provisions are relatively new to the insurance division, local regulations are non-existent," said Igisomar.

He disclosed that the Insurance Division under his department has had neither a robust insurance office operation (personnel and regulatory-wise), nor sophisticated insurance plans that have required any form of substantial review process.

According to Igisomar, although the CNMI will be ready to implement the Premium Rate Review Office and the Consumer Advocacy Program Office, there are other areas of concern that his office continues to explore as the Jan. 1, 2014, start date nears.

"These obstacles include promulgating the necessary rules and regulations to implement ACA provisions extended to the CNMI such as regulations on open enrollment period and the enforcement of the essential health benefits provision," said Igisomar.

Also, he said, his office will be working alone to push for additional legislative measures such as an employer mandate and other measures to mitigate the risk pool in the CNMI.

It was earlier revealed that more than 18,000 individuals in the CNMI are not insured with any insurance carriers and are not even covered by the government-run Medicaid program. This represents 33 percent of the Commonwealth's 53,800 population, based on 2010 Census.

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Secretary Arnold I. Palacios and other government officials.

Some of Parks and Recreation's areas of responsibility may still be turned over to the private sector within the year.

House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan) separately said that delaying the privatization for at least a year will address concerns about jeopardizing CNMI tourism efforts if there is uncertainty in the maintenance of tourist sites close to the start of fiscal year 2014.

"I am glad that the administration realizes that the concerns raised by lawmakers and others are legitimate. We have to take care of the Parks & Rec employees that will be affected, and make sure we do not compromise the public services provided by these employees in maintaining tourist sites," Sablan said.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment, said the privatization plan will continue to be assessed in fiscal year 2014 "to determine whether to wholly push forward in the next fiscal year, or [fiscal year] 2015."

"In view of this, operations will remain as is for [fiscal year] 2014," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said there will be no change in budget appropriations other than to revert the funds from operations back to personnel.

Based on the governor's 2014 budget submission, Parks and Recreation's budget for personnel is "zeroed out" but its "all others" is at over $468,000, a reduction of over $146,000 from the current level.

"In [fiscal year] 2014, the administration will be looking at bidding out a portion of the area of responsibility to the private sector. That will also be an opportune time to fully assess the viability of either bidding out more portions or going back to the proposed privatization of the division," Demapan said.

Prior to the governor's decision, the government had barely six weeks to implement its plan, raising concerns among lawmakers who had previously asked the governor to consider postponing the privatization plan.

For example, the government had yet to issue a request for proposal in connection with the privatization of parks maintenance services in 2014 and no concrete plan on the employment of over 20 employees at the Division of Parks and Recreation under DLNR.

Lawmakers also cautioned about the impact on tourist site maintenance and the CNMI's overall efforts to promote tourism.

The House Ways and Means Committee, during deliberation on the 2014 budget, was considering scrapping the Parks and Recreation privatization but later reserved 25 extra full-time equivalent positions for the governor just in case the plan falls through.

The governor's proposed $123.4 million for fiscal year 2014 privatizes the Division of Parks and Recreation's functions by outsourcing grounds maintenance services for all parks and recreational areas.

The governor had encouraged employees affected to become entrepreneurs who will have an opportunity to participate in competitive solicitations to perform grounds maintenance services as part of the Tourism Task Force Initiatives to keep the CNMI well-manicured.

Besides privatization of some government programs and services, the administration has also started merging agencies and programs with overlapping functions to cut costs and increase government efficiency.

Fund cancels closure of Rota, Tinian satellite offices

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Members of the government pension program residing on Rota and Tinian can rest easier following the announcement that the Retirement Fund's satellite offices on both islands will remain open.

Acting Fund administrator Lillian Pangelinan disclosed the cancellation of the Fund's early decision to shut down both offices in a statement yesterday.

The agency decided in June this year to close its satellite offices to cut on its expenditures. Both offices were supposed to close down effective yesterday, Aug. 15. The Fund was expecting to save $60,000 per year by closing these satellite offices.

In its statement yesterday, the Fund announced the recent development after the Tinian and Rota legislative delegations and their respective mayors offered to ensure the Fund continues to have a presence on both islands.

Both the Tinian Mayor's Office and the Rota Mayor's Office have now dedicated office spaces for the Fund's satellite offices.

Although the Fund had planned to cut costs, each island's leaders wanted to ensure that Fund members continue to receive services on their islands. As a compromise, moving the Fund to the mayor's offices eliminated the Fund's need to pay for rent and utilities, Pangelinan explained.

Fund members on Tinian and Rota are advised that they can get help from their mayor's offices on Fund matters. The Fund has one employee at each satellite office.

Camacho corrects order on probation matter

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After finding that his probation order was unlawful, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho granted a habitual offender's motion to dismiss the charge of criminal contempt filed against him.

Camacho

Camacho said he holds that the judgment and commitment order he issued on Jan. 10, 2013, in a 2012 criminal contempt case was unlawful to the extent that it ordered Jesse James Lisua to be placed on probation and subject to conditions of probation.

The judge issued a separate order in Lisua's 2012 criminal contempt case, correcting the illegal sentence.

Camacho said the Commonwealth Code only provides for the imposition of probation when there is a suspended sentence.

Camacho said that in Lisua's case, the sentence illegally imposed a period of probation without suspending defendant's sentence.

Having determined that the probation ordered in the 2012 criminal contempt case is unlawful, Camacho declined to address the issue of using criminal contempt to punish a violation of a probation condition.

According to court records, Lisua showed up at his probation review hearing in a 2012 criminal contempt case with a blood alcohol level of .206, almost three times the legal limit for driving a car.

On Jan. 10, 2013, Lisua was convicted of one count of criminal contempt and sentenced to the maximum of six months in jail. The court ordered him to complete a one-year probation plus other conditions.

On June 25, 2013, the Office of the Attorney General filed an information charging Lisua with one count of criminal contempt, alleging that he "unlawfully, knowingly, and willfully resisted or refused or failed to obey a lawful order" because of the Dec. 3 incident when he showed up intoxicated at a probation review hearing.

At the preliminary hearing on June 25, 2013, Lisua, through assistant public defender Eden Schwartz, moved to dismiss the charge of criminal contempt, arguing that the imposition of probation was unlawful.

In the alternative, Schwartz argued that contempt of court is not a valid remedy for a probation violation.

Schwartz argued that the charge of criminal contempt must be dismissed because the portions of the court order he allegedly violated are not lawful.

Schwartz noted that defendant was ordered to complete one year of probation, with several conditions listed, even though no part of Lisua's sentence was suspended.

The OAG argued that it is proper to impose probation even when the defendant is sentenced to the maximum term of probation and has served the entire term.

In his order granting Lisua's motion to dismiss, Camacho said there are only two types of probation in the Commonwealth. One is when the court imposes a sentence but suspends its execution and instead orders probation. The second one, he said, is when the court defers imposition of a sentence and orders probation.

If the defendant complies with all conditions of probation, the defendant's conviction is then expunged, the judge said.

In Lisua's 2012 criminal contempt case, Camacho said that neither the execution nor imposition of the sentence was suspended, so his order of probation was not lawful.

Camacho said the Commonwealth Code describes probation as an alternative sentence, not an additional sentence.

Whether or not the defendant is sentenced to the maximum period of imprisonment has no bearing on whether a portion of the sentence was suspended, Camacho added.

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Ayuyu found not guilty of sex abuse of minor

»Jurors deliberate for less than an hour

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Ray Anthony Ayuyu, a 42-year-old man accused of sexually abusing a girl with some developmental disabilities, is now a free man.

After deliberating for less than an hour yesterday, the six jurors rendered a unanimous verdict finding Ayuyu not guilty of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree.

The jurors began deliberating at 8:15am. They sent out their note about their verdict to Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho at 9am.

On Wednesday, Camacho acquitted Ayuyu of disturbing the peace.

Assistant attorneys general Nicole Driscoll and Margo Brown rested the government's case on Wednesday after calling in a total of six witnesses, including the 14-year-old alleged victim.

Ayuyu's defense attorney is Colin Thompson, who presented just two witnesses.

Police said the sexual assault was reported to police on Nov. 29, 2012. The girl allegedly claimed that Ayuyu touched her privates on at least two occasions in September 2012.

Probationer gets reprieve, with warning

Roque Sablan Norita, a man on federal probation who was found using illegal drugs again based on two drug tests, has admitted to the allegations.

At his revocation hearing on Wednesday, Norita apologized to the court, the U.S. government, and the U.S. Probation Office.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona denied the petition to revoke Norita's probation but warned him that he will be immediately detained if he again violates the conditions of his supervised release.

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe had recommended no incarceration for Norita because he has a job.

Norita's counsel, attorney Bruce Berline, did not object to the prosecution's factual basis for the revocation.

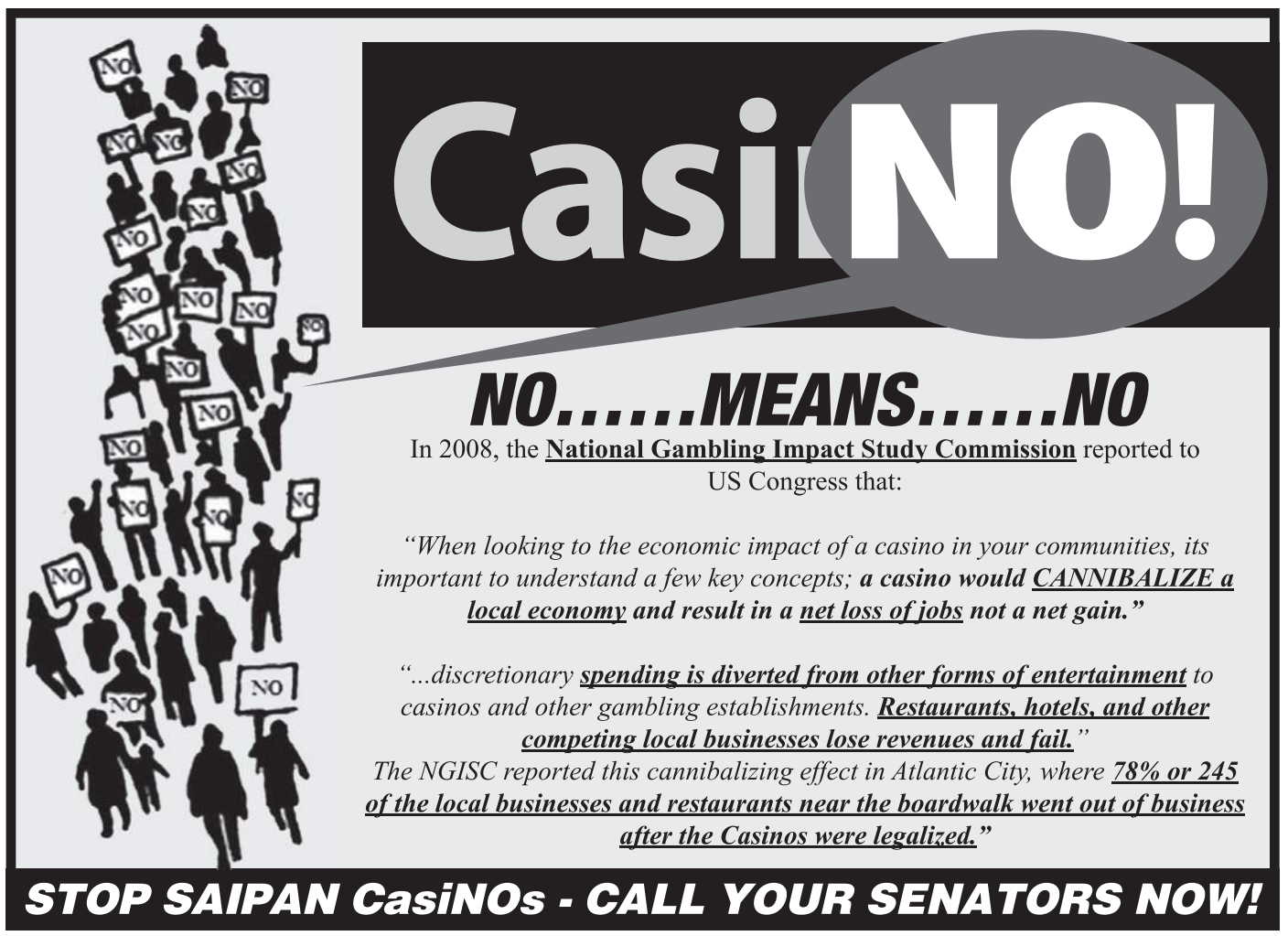
In July 2010, the federal court slapped Norita with a 30-month prison term for his conviction of trafficking methamphetamine or "ice" and illegal possession of guns.

Norita was placed on six years of supervised release after completing his sentence. He began his supervised release on Nov. 21, 2011.

U.S. Probation Officer Gregory F. Arriola reported to the court that Norita first tested presumptive positive for "ice" use on May 26, 2013. Norita again tested positive for "ice" use during a random drug test on June 1, 2013.

Arriola said that Norita denied using illegal drugs and instead blamed the laboratory for making a mistake.

Arriola said confirmation testing showed that specimens were positive for "ice" and amphetamine in Norita's system. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***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'Justice and FBI unlawfully withheld investigation docs'

The U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have unlawfully withheld investigation records into the beating of Jin Dong Wang by a police officer during a botched drug raid, according to Wang's attorney David G. Banes.

Banes, on behalf of Wang, filed last week a Freedom of Information Act request to compel Justice and the FBI to disclose and release of agency records that were allegedly withheld from Wang.

Wang is seeking the release of records maintained by DOJ and the FBI relating to the FBI's investigation of the incident at his residence in Saipan on Oct. 18, 2010.

Banes is asking the U.S. District Court for the NMI to declare that DOJ and the FBI's failure to disclose the record that Wang requested is unlawful.

Banes wants the court to order DOJ and the FBI to immediately process Wang's Freedom of Information Act request, disclose the records in their entirety, and make copies available to Wang.

Wang has a pending police brutality lawsuit filed in federal court against police officer Jesse Dubrall, the CNMI government, and the Department of Public Safety.

Vicente B. Babauta, a former police officer and now an investigator at the Office of the Attorney General, concluded in his investigation that Dubrall acted appropriately during that operation and determined that Wang's allegation of brutality was unsubstantiated.

In Wang's Freedom of Information Act complaint, Banes said that Wang was wrongfully seized by police officers on Oct. 18, 2010, mistaking him for another suspect they were looking for. Banes said that Dubrall used excess force during the botched raid.

He said the police seized Wang by mistake and then beat him savagely, causing severe injuries. He said Wang was hospitalized due to severe injuries on the head, abdomen, buttocks, and legs.

Banes said Wang sustained concussion, rib contusion, spine contusion, blurred vision, and post-traumatic nightmares.

Banes said that based on information from the U.S. Attorney's Office, the FBI, under the direction of the U.S. Attorney's Office, investigated the incident.

On July 27, 2012, Banes wrote to the Office of the U.S. Attorney Districts of Guam and NMI and asked for copies of any records related to the FBI investigation.

On July 31, 2012, the U.S. Attorney's Office forwarded the request to the Freedom of Information Act Unit in Washington D.C.

Additionally, the U.S. Attorney's Office told Banes that he must submit a Freedom Act request to DOJ in Washington D.C. Banes said he did so.

On Sept. 6, 2012, DOJ told Banes to submit a new request with the written authorization and consent of Wang since the requested records concerned a third party. Banes said he did so on Oct. 10, 2012.

Banes said that DOJ received his new request on Oct. 18, 2012, but did not respond.

He said he followed up with the DOJ on May 7, 2013 and that DOJ received the letter on May 15. Again, DOJ did not respond to the follow-up letter, Banes noted.

"To date, the DOJ, the U.S. Attorney's Office, and the FBI have not provided the records requested by plaintiff in his FOIA request, notwithstanding FOIA's requirement of an agency response within 20 working days," he said. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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'Submerged lands will be key to co-managing marine monument'

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Most of the promises the federal government made when it created the Marianas Trench Monument in 2009 remain unfulfilled. What's worse, there is no co-management to speak of, according to John Gourley of Marianas Conservation.

Gourley was one of the speakers in Wednesday's "Marianas Trench Marine Monument," the second part of a three-part series of lectures organized by the 12th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, NMI Humanities Council, Historic Preservation Office, and NMI Museum.

Gourley

Speaking before several dozen people, Gourley said even the genesis of the establishment of Marianas Trench Marine Monument was clouded in innuendo that had an outgoing president scrambling for something to build his legacy on as he exits the White House.

"The frustrated Bush administration flew in a ringer to push his Blue Legacy. President Bush was an outgoing president with a poor environmental record and had an easy way to mitigate the damage and win over the environmental masses."

Gourley was alluding to James Connaughton, who then-President George W. Bush appointed as chairman of the White House Council on Environment Quality.

He said that Connaughton was able to get the endorsement of then-governor Benigno R. Fitial, then-House speaker Arnold Palacios, and then-Senate president Pete Reyes by essentially promising that the CNMI will have some level of control in the management of the monument.

Connaughton's selling point is flawed to begin with, Gourley said, as the Antiquities Act of 1906 bars any U.S. state, territory, or entity from challenging the federal government's jurisdiction on lands it declares national monuments.

"The Antiquities Act in 1906 allows the U.S. president to wake up in the morning and if he decides to place any land or water under federal jurisdiction and create a monument by that afternoon. He doesn't need the authority or the approval of the people. It's a unilateral decision…"

In the case of the CNMI, Gourley said, all of the Commonwealth's exclusive economic zones are federally managed lands "so he can come here and take any of our land and our water if he wants it and make it a national monument."

The bottom line, Gourley said, was that Bush wanted the Marianas Trench National Monument and "Connaughton came here to deliver a product to his boss. His boss wanted this and his job was to get it."

Gourley also presented a letter from then Saipan Chamber of Commerce president James T. Arenovski to Connaughton that outlined the latter's promise of shared decision-making between the federal and local governments over the monument.

Connaughton, the Chamber noted, also promised the CNMI government "veto authority over any particular or objectionable terms" and was given an assurance "that access of indigenous individuals for purposes of fishing, pursuant to traditional local customs and practices, would remain a matter of local control."

And there was the confusion between marine monument and a marine sanctuary, Gourley said.

"The Chamber supported the establishment of a marine sanctuary. There was so much confusion going on. A marine sanctuary was not being considered. It was brought out there but under the Antiquities Act we can only create a marine monument. A marine sanctuary is an entirely different beast. It has a different review and have time limits. A marine sanctuary gets congressional funding in an annual basis, a marine monument does not. A marine monument is also an unfunded mandate."

Fortunately, Gourley said, the Marianas Trench National Monument established by a stroke of a pen was the version local leaders designed and pushed for and the one endorsed by the Pew Environment Group.

"What was agreed and what we got was a monument that was designed by our local leaders and not an NGO [non-government organization]. The Pew proposal wanted a no- take policy encompassing almost one-third of the CNMI EEZ or 115,000 square miles. It was thrown out and Connaughton agreed."

Gourley said the first unit of the monument is the Marianas Trench unit, which is limited to the bottom substrate and doesn't include the water column so fishing in not restricted.

The second is the volcanic unit made up 21 undersea volcanoes and its range is about two miles. Like the first unit, the volcanic unit is only the substrate and the waters around it are not regulated and fishing is also allowed.

The third unit, the islands unit, Gourley said, is the area where commercial fishing is not allowed and it ranges about 50 nautical miles surrounding three islands—Uracas, Maug, and Ascuncion—and he said this is

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Camacho wants youth, community to be self-reliant

Rather than panhandling in intersections or asking businesses and government agencies for dole out, 12th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Ramon B. Camacho wants the youth of today to be more self-reliant and become proactive in raising funds for their activities.

The former police officer recalled that back in the day when his friends wanted to join a basketball league or a soccer tournament, they would raise the money for their uniforms, shoes, and other equipment by doing errands around the neighborhood.

"What we did was we didn't go to the government to ask for funding. What we did was create our own. Our parents donated $2 to buy fuel and we'd go to each house and offer yard cleaning. They pay $10 or $15 and we keep that money until we get to the point that we have the amount we needed. We created a basketball team. We created a soccer team from our own sweat. That's what I'm trying to apply to the community here, to become self-generating instead of just relying on [handouts]."

Camacho said this no-dole-out, no-panhandling policy shouldn't only be confined to the youth but also apply to everyone in the community that has relied way too much on the government to get things done.

"I want to discourage the community from relying too much on the government. If someone from the community gets bitten by a mosquito, it's not the government's fault. So I want the community to take action and revitalize itself."

He again recalled his experiences growing up as a sure-fire way to solve some of the islands' problems.

"For example, I want to get rid of all the overgrown vegetation around the residences. I want to apply here what we did with the Boy Scouts in the 1960s. I remember back then that we would get together, my friends and I, and bush-cut and clean someone's backyard for a fee," he said.

Although Camacho has made no timeline when he plans to launch these initiatives, the Municipal Council has had some success with the programs it has initiated as of late.

Its Adopt-a-Place Program, for instance, is leading the revitalization of inner villages on Saipan. Last May, Camacho and the rest of the Municipal Council members honored businesses and organizations that have participated in this program.

Among the entities with representatives who received the recognition were Taro Sue Store, Farmer's Association, Life In the Son Church, Northern Islands Mayor staff, Jesus is Lord Church, Marpac Distributor Company, ABC Rent A Car/Ace Auto Glass, Grace Christian Academy, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Group, Priority Care Group, ERICCO Group, Aldan Family Group, DEQ Group, Danny Buniag and family, and Laly 4 community. ***(Mark Rabago)***

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

August 16, 2005

Govt pays CUC extra $6.4M

Amid concerns of possible illegal reprogramming, the Babauta administration has provided the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. anew with more funds, bringing the total payment so far this fiscal year to $11.4 million. This amount is $6.4 million more than the continuing appropriation, which is $5 million. Finance Secretary Fermin M. Atalig said in a statement yesterday that the government is paying CUC "extra" amid the soaring fuel prices, which hit a record high of $66 per barrel last week.

Audit shows misuse of funds at MHLO

The Marianas Hawaii Liaison Office misused public funds by making improper payments to personnel and failing to enforce laws and regulations on travel, official representation, and the Medical Referral Program, according to a report by the Office of the Public Auditor. The report covers results of an OPA audit of the Hawaii Liaison Office from Oct. 1, 1999 through Dec. 31, 2002. OPA audited expenditures paid out of the Operations Imprest Fund maintained by the MHLO and the Medical Referral Imprest Fund maintained by the Department of Public Health in Honolulu. In addition, MHLO payroll expenditures paid by the Department of Finance were also audited.

August 16, 2006

Tinian cargo ships grounded

The two cargo vessels plying the Tinian-Saipan route have been grounded by the U.S. Coast Guard, resulting in a shortage of some supplies, including beverages, milk, and frozen items on the island. The two vessels-SN52 and SN51-are owned by the family of Tinian Mayor Jose San Nicolas. Saipan-based U.S. Coast Guard inspector James Highfill said yesterday that, based on an inspection about two weeks ago, the 50-foot long SN52 was found with "multiple deficiencies." "[The deficiencies] were serious enough that we didn't want them to be sailing with cargo that could be a safety issue," he said.

Legislature amends austerity bill

The Senate yesterday withdrew the government austerity bill from the Governor's Office and passed a substitute amending the provisions that the governor had branded as unconstitutional. The latest version of Senate Bill 15-51 does not include the provision that would require legislative approval of any new government hiring. The substitute bill also softened the language of the provision on the cancellation of furlough. The bill now "requests" the administration to cancel all furlough notices sent to Executive Branch employees, rather than mandating it to do so.

August 16, 2007

'Only minor changes to ISLA'

U.S. Virgin Islands Rep. Donna Christensen predicts minor changes to the NMI immigration bill she has sponsored in the U.S. House of Representatives. Christensen, whose House Subcommittee on Insular Affairs held the first congressional hearing in the Commonwealth yesterday, said all of the testimonies will be considered when the committee reviews H.R. 3079 back in Washington, D.C. However, she said she expects the final version to be quite similar to the bill's current form.

Fitial proffers own border control bill

Responding to concerns about border security in the Commonwealth, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial yesterday proposed legislation that would give the United States greater control over local borders while leaving the CNMI immigration system untouched. Fitial submitted to the U.S. House Subcommittee on Insular Affairs a draft bill entitled "Enhanced Border Control of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands." He described the bill as a "more effective and less intrusive" approach to addressing the need for greater border security in the CNMI. "We believe this legislation provides the improved border security measures desired by both the federal government and the CNMI. It accomplishes this objective at far less cost to the taxpayers than would be entailed by the complete federalization proposed in H.R.3079. It leaves Commonwealth officials responsible for making the critical decisions with respect to economic development and managing the workforce necessary to achieve the level of development desired by the community. We ask this Subcommittee to consider our proposal carefully," he said during the congressional hearing held in Guma Hustisia, Susupe yesterday.

JKPL patron base holds steady

Despite closing for a week for a conference, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library continues to do well across three of six categories used to measure its operations, according to the state library's comparative snapshot for July 2013.

Patron base, for instance, rose to 36,598 in July 2013 compared to 36,464 a month earlier. Circulation was also up last month to 6,246 vis-à-vis the 5,941 recorded in June.

Collections also increased from 65,842 in June to 66,034 in July.

Patron traffic, issuance of new library cards, and library fines, however, posted lower numbers compared to a month ago.

Patron traffic fell to 8,107 in July compared to 8,571 a month earlier. New library cards also totaled only 86 last month, a far cry from the 143 library cards issued in June.

Library fines also took a dive, as JKPL only collected $546.59 in July in contrast to the $711.72 pulled together in June.

JKPL shuttered its doors from July 14 to 20 for the professional development trainings of the 23rd Annual Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums and the 18th Pacific Education Conference. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

Nearly $1M back wages for A. Samoa workers

The American Samoa government has paid $916,093 in back wages to 256 employees, resolving findings of an investigation by the Wage and Hour Division in 2011.

Investigators found that some employees' overtime hours were paid at a straight-time rate instead of at one-and-a-half times their regular rates of pay, as required by the Fair Labor Standards Act. Investigators also found that certain employees were not paid for all of their overtime hours worked.

Most of the workers are police officers employed by the government's Department of Public Safety.

"We appreciate the cooperation of the American Samoa government in developing a compliance plan and for assisting in this investigation by identifying workers who were underpaid," said Terence Trotter, director of the division's Honolulu District Office, which handled the investigation. ***(DOL)***

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the heart of the monument.

With the promise of co-management out the window, Gourley said the CNMI can still save its untenable situation by securing its submerged lands from zero to 3 nautical miles out.

"A form of co-management is still possible for only the islands unit, provided the CNMI is awarded full and unconditional ownership of 0-3 nautical miles of submerged lands surrounding all islands in the CNMI, including those islands surrounded by the monument," he said.

Bush signed the presidential proclamations that established the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument, Rose Atoll National Monument, and the Marianas Trench National Monument on Jan. 6, 2009.

Aside from Gourley, the other speakers of the lecture were *Our Northern Islands, 2010* author Dennis Chan, former director of the Division of Environmental Quality Ike Cabrera, and Marianas Trench Naitonal Monument advisory board chair Benigno Sablan.

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Justice should get out of the way

The Justice Department has made a stunningly bad decision to block the merger of American Airlines and US Airways. The feds say the lawsuit filed Tuesday alleging antitrust violations is intended to preserve competition in the airline industry. It is more likely to crush one or both airlines and stagger the industry.

Justice, joined by the attorneys general of six states, filed the suit just two days before U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Sean Lane was scheduled to consider American parent AMR's restructuring plan, with the merger deal as its centerpiece.

As a result, the $11 billion deal that would have taken American out of bankruptcy and created the nation's biggest airline is in real jeopardy.

The discussions between American and US Airways started more than a year ago. Yet the government stayed silent until now. That is extremely disruptive to the airlines and their employees.

And to what end? The Justice Department hasn't blocked an airline merger since United and US Airways tried to get together more than a decade ago. It has since then approved several deals—including the game-changing mergers of United/Continental and Delta/Northwest.

Both those megadeals raised as many concerns about competition as the American/US Airways transaction. Both of those deals created huge airlines that put more competitive pressure on American and US Airways. There is no consistency in the actions taken by the Justice Department.

This deal is necessary for the long-term survival of the airlines involved. Neither American nor US Airways has sufficient scale as a stand-alone company to compete effectively against United Continental and Delta. American has lost billions of dollars in the past few years, even as conditions have improved for most U.S. airlines. It was shedding thousands of jobs and driven into bankruptcy court. Undersized US Airways reasoned that it needed the merger to compete, and offered workers the promise of saving many of the jobs at American.

The industry as a whole has a history of brutal economics: Between 2001 and 2009, major carriers reported at least $58 billion in losses.

The legal challengers to the merger raise the fear that it will result in higher fares and reduced service across the country. It's true that the battle to be cost-effective tends to push airline traffic to larger hubs such as Chicago's O'Hare International Airport at the expense of the smallest markets. Sometimes, big markets can lose out too. The lawsuit cites concerns about the merger's effect on service to Washington, D.C., for instance.

But remember, this merger was a matter of survival. And in that sense, it was a battle to be able to keep serving consumers.

Weak airlines with aging, inefficient fleets do a poor job serving passengers. They don't invest in technology that improves the flying experience, such as streamlined check-in service. Their frequent-flier programs fall behind the industry standard. They can't manage their fleets as readily to ensure the right size of aircraft is available to meet passenger demand on a given flight.

If American and US Airways do merge, U.S. aviation will not turn into a monopoly. The new carrier would have a national market share of about 21 percent. United Continental and Delta would be close behind.

Southwest, which operates a different type of airline that flies

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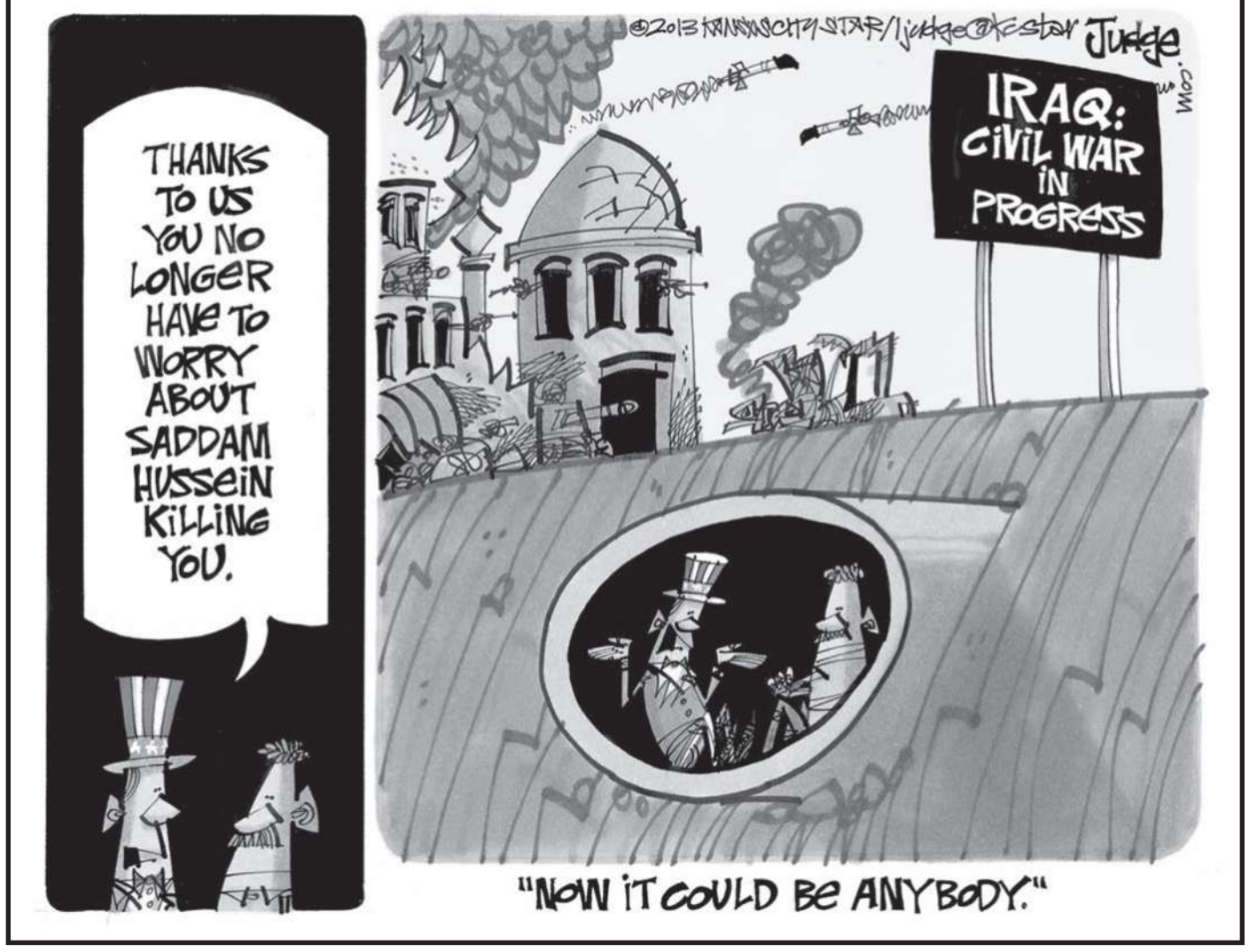
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A once sustainable lifestyle

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of Saipan Tribune *and a former secretary of Department of Public Lands.*

The simple folks have started asking far-reaching questions about their future. This was prompted by the deepening hardship at home. It is prompted by their inability to pay for their livelihood today, an issue so disorienting and frustrating.

With high cost of utility, cut in retirement pay, impending health premium increases, underemployment that threatens timely payment of the first family home and other obligations—it's literally a hopeless case on all fronts.

They've struggled to understand it, but it comes with the accompanying shifting sands of change that blurs clarity into fabled mystique. It seems eternally elusive, if not blurred altogether.

Nonetheless, we have accepted without complaint the slow cannibalizing of our cultural traditions founded on personal industry. We used to work the land and sea (arcane it may be) but it brings home the basic needs of the family. We were very happy campers then.

In 1956, utility rate was around $3 per month, gasoline around 20 cents a gallon, a sack of 50 pound rice was $8; Carnation Milk was 20 cents; and homemade coconut candy. We had banana, sweet potato, tapioca, taro, farm-raised animals and fish for our protein needs and worked the farm after school and weekends. Our handheld device wasn't an iPad, iPhone, Kindle, or laptop but sickle, heavy-duty picks, and machete.

Our parents went to work at dawn catching the long gray bus to Lower Base and returned home around 5pm. Dad would get his coffee, then we'd head to the farm before dusk. Most everything we did revolved around familial needs. It was sheer work where dues were earned.

School kids enjoyed small Red Cross boxes around Christmas that guaranteed a present for every pupil. At least it was fair, even for the less fortunate. There were happy faces in every classroom and we all walked home with joyful giggles after learning that there's such a thing as Christmas presents. How sad, though, that our Christmas presents ended several years later. Santa skipped the islands.

Those were the days when most families supplemented dad's salary with farm produce. But most folks have since started working for the government and parted with subsistence lifestyle for good. There's the new safety net of food stamps, Medicaid and Medicare and the lame fate of retirement paychecks taking over traditional subsistence that was once the forte of families. Where have "better times" gone?

Fire dance with unsustainability

We aspired for a lifestyle of luxury and comfort and went all out for it bent to secure our half-cocked version of the so-called American Dream.

The more we tried in desperation, the more we find ourselves trapped in a hole we can't get out of. For instance, in spite of the fact that 52 percent of employees fall within the federal threshold or definition of poverty income level, the "do-nothings" haven't lifted a finger to ease the cost of living.

We now want casinos, though we never understood what the industry requires—basic infrastructure—meaning a wealthy local population to support it if the visitor industry lags behind.

We wanted cement houses and built it as the newest fad. We did it without factoring the need for several air-conditioning units lest you turn smoked meat by morning. It's woefully hot, isn't it? You turn on your air-condition, stove, dryer, and washer and you're looking at a utility bill of some $400 plus per month.

We haven't even paid for the real estate loan, auto loan, health and life insurance and other familial obligations. You navigate, using communal sharing, how else do you put food on the dinner table or a quick loan from a sibling for your children's school needs.

It is at this point where we use Einstein's definition of insanity, juggling the same number of pennies, nickels, and dimes hoping for different results. Well, it's the same number all over, isn't it?

You pray long and hard that your kids in college won't call for some monetary help as you've maxed out the elasticity of every dollar. You also hope and pray that no health catastrophe hits, given that it's a huge ticket item. Many active employees have surrendered their health insurance policies to make ends meet.

If you're wondering what drove the cost of living beyond the reach of most working families here, it is found in regressive or predatory policies that have stifled economic growth beyond our wildest imaginings. Strange that we know about it but have opted for negligence, complacency, and mediocrity as the triad of strength by the elected elite upstairs.

The notion of raising wages to equal feds' at $7.50 per hour simply means businesses would pass the additional cost right down to consumers. Some may have to put on shutters when the cost of labor devours their marginal profits beyond distinction. This phenomenon has consistently occurred in recent past when most small businesses could no longer afford the horrendous cost of utilities.

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Motivation and cheeseburgers

By ED STEPHENS
Special to the *Saipan Tribune*

Visit Ed at EdStephensJr.com. His column runs every Friday.

Do you have a hard time staying motivated during summertime? I do. My brain wants to trip the "vacation" setting. So I usually reach for the motivational section of my bookshelf to treat this summertime ailment. In the event that you're similarly afflicted, I'll mention some remedies that I've found useful.

Although I'll mention them, I'm not trying to sell anyone on them. I'm just a guy in a beach chair. I have nothing to sell.

First of all, I'll admit that I keep the motivational section of my bookshelf as skinny as possible. I'm not on the rah-rah bandwagon. I probably have, at most, a half-dozen old-school books for this stuff plus a smattering of clippings and notes that I've accumulated.

The sad fact is that I've never been smart enough, or strong enough, to entirely count on self-directed motivation. Sometimes, if I had my way, I'd drink chocolate malts and eat cheeseburgers all day long. Well, fortunately, I'm in the habit of cocking an open ear toward better minds and more resolved spirits when my motivation needs some mid-air refueling.

It's hard to pick a single best motivational quote. But here's a favorite, attributed to the speaker and writer Jim Rohn: "If you want to have more, you need to become more. For things to change, you have to change. For things to get better, you have to get better."

Pretty good, eh?

It's certainly time-tested, and it echoes the wisdom of antiquity and the reality of moderninity. An Eastern sage could be saying it in learned and gentle tones. Or a gunnery sergeant could be barking it at full volume.

I've had both experiences. They might seem like opposites, but they are more like complements.

Indeed, though the faces change, the exact wording changes, and the circumstances change, the truth never does: If you want to get to a higher level, then start marching up the hill.

Of course, marching up any of life's hills doesn't guarantee success. Any endeavor is a risk, and it can be decades before such risks pay off.

On the other hand, the only way to guarantee failure is not to make the effort to begin with.

And here even the most motivational of speakers and writers will disclose a cynical fact, probably to forewarn the unwary, and specifically those who are so focused on their own endeavors that human nature might ambush them. Says Rohn: "The few who do are the envy of the many who only watch."

Yikes. Carve that one in stone. Just try punting the corporate cubicle and moving to a tropical island. Your home town crew might not be empathetic. You've chosen your world, but they're still stuck in theirs.

Since we're on warning turf, I'll offer another from Napoleon Hill: "There is one weakness in people for which there is no remedy. It is the universal weakness of lack of ambition!"

This statement, published in his 1937 work *Think & Grow Rich* (which is still in print), hangs over my head like a big sword on a skinny thread. I worry that I'm not sufficiently ambitious, so I'm glad that Mr. Hill has provided for that contingency and has blocked the exits before I can sneak away.

Another quote from Mr. Hill: "Nature cannot be tricked or cheated. She will give up to you the object of your struggles only after you have paid her price."

Well, that might seem like a harsh fact, but from what I've seen, it is, indeed, a fact.

And yet the struggles themselves are a reward, as contradictory as that sounds. Hill also said this: "Happiness is found in doing, not merely possessing."

It's hard to argue with that one. Maybe we don't see it at the time, but when we look back on things, our best times are when we are immersed in striving, in adventure, and even in discomfort, danger, and stress as our efforts take on a life of their own toward an important goal. That "life of their own" is actually our lives, and this is what we remember when we start reeling in the years.

Also, those episodes are when we keep the best company and make the best friends.

I don't know if the foregoing is enough to stir you out of a summertime torpor, but it usually does the trick for me.

Still, I'm a slob at heart, especially in summertime, so I'm aiming for improvement, not perfection. My schedule for this afternoon is built around a western bacon cheeseburger. Then a large malt. And then a nap.

After all, I'm all for motivation, but a person needs to be well-fed and well-rested to march up those hills.

Employment discrimination on the basis of disability

By JIM RAYPHAND
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Jim Rayphand is the executive director of the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc.

Author's Note: The bulk of the following text is copied from an article (author unclear) received via a company called My Employment Options. Contact information is included at the end.

Some would be surprised to learn about the real-life challenges people with disabilities face in trying to get a job. Certainly the disabilities, in some cases, make it difficult to attain particular jobs—a person who is blind is not likely going to get a job as a bus driver or someone who uses a wheelchair isn't likely to make it in the NBA—but in many cases the barriers to employment for people with disabilities come about as a result of a lack of understanding or awareness about disability-rights by employers and the job hunters themselves.

Even though the civil rights protection covered by the American with Disabilities Act and other employment-related laws have been around for decades, many employers and job hunters with disabilities still do not really understand how such laws impact them.

Did you know, for instance, that it is illegal for employers to discriminate because of a person's race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, or disability when hiring? Some examples of illegal questions that may be asked during an interview that could be used to discriminate include:

What is your race? What is your age? What is your religious background? Do you have a back injury? Have you ever been on Workers' Compensation? Are you disabled/do you have a disability? Do you take any medications? How many sick days did you take last year? How long have you had your disability?

For emphasis, employers may not ask you questions about your disability, but not all employers know or follow the law. So if a potential employer "accidentally" asks an illegal question in a job interview, one of the best ways to protect yourself against discrimination is to always to address the concern, not the question.

Disability-related questions in an interview may reflect concerns or negative stereotypes regarding hiring people with disabilities, such as their being too difficult or costly to accommodate, driving up health insurance costs, re-injuring themselves on the job, being frequently absent due to their disability, or being a danger to themselves or others.

In addressing an interviewer's concerns, not his or her questions, your responses may sound something like this: "I understand that you might have concerns, but I had a great attendance record at my past job," "I might need a little help with __. Would that be a problem?" or "I am able to perform all of the essential duties of this job." Another approach to try is, "I have had this disability my whole life and I have held many jobs. I am excellent at finding ways to work around my disability, and this makes me a more creative thinker and problem solver."

Throughout history, different populations have had to fight for their right to live equally and to have equal opportunities. Slowly, through individual and group efforts, people are becoming free to live without fear, practice their religions, vote, travel, and work without imposed barriers due to race, sex, nationality, sexual preference, age, or physical and mental disabilities.

It is important that you stand up for your rights as a person with many different abilities and assets. Discrimination laws can take many years and much individual effort before they are truly accepted. If getting a job is on your list of resolutions, do not let discrimination get in the way!

For more information regarding employment discrimination and/or filing a complaint with the Equal Employment Commission, contact the NMPASI office at (670) 235-7273/4 [voice] / 235-7275 [fax] / 235-7278 [tty] or via the Internet at www.nmpasi.org.

Additionally for answers to questions about employment-related protections under the Americans with Disabilities Act, call the Department of Justice ADA Information Line at 1-800-514-0301 (800-514-0383 TTY). ADA specialists are available Monday to Friday from 9:30am to 5:30pm Eastern, except on Thursday when the hours are 12:30pm to 5:30pm.

For more information about My Employment Options: Visit the company's website at www.MyEmploymentOptions.com.

Summer camps rule!

By THOMAS M. THORNBURGH
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Every summer, we have several different summer camps to help keep our youth out of trouble and occupy their time during the day. This summer is no different. We at NMPASI have collaborated with the following summer camp groups:

- DYS Youth Empowerment Summer Camp at ADA Gymnasium;
- 4H CREES Summer Camp at NMC's As Terlaje campus;
- Garapan Community Development Center's Summer Camp at the Carolinian Utt;
- Self-Advocacy Summer Camp led by the Council on Developmental Disabilities at PIC for Saipan, Kammer Beach for Tinian, and Teteto Beach for Rota campers; and
- The Tanapag, Achugao, San Roque, As Matuis (TASA) Summer Camp.

The youth of the CNMI and especially Saipan are fortunate to have these opportunities. Instead of building up their points on various video games, they get sunlight, exercise, and have fun with their peers. These summer camps help build positive character in our youth and help them realize that, although we are different on the outside, we are still all the same on the inside. It is like Hershey's M&Ms that have different colors on the outside but milk chocolate on the inside.

Mr. Greg Borja and I are projects specialists at NMPASI and are tasked with casework as well as outreach. For outreach, we conduct Rugged Outdoor Physical Experiential Systems, or ROPES, and also give PowerPoint presentations on disability awareness, the laws that protect people with disabilities and the history of the disability rights movement, amongst other things.

Our job is to remind everyone that people with disabilities are people first. They have needs and wants just like anyone else. They also have laws that protect their rights to live as independent members of our community. People with disabilities are the only minority group that anyone of us can join at any time. Maybe you're walking across a street and get hit by a car, or you fall from a tall tree, or slip and hit your head on a sidewalk.

These five summer camps have each asked us to work with their youth and it has been a wonderful summer for us as we get to meet all the different groups of youth from around the CNMI and work with them, teaching dignity and respect for everyone.

We hope that this trend continues and we thank Laura Ogumoro of DYS, Polly Omechelong of NMC-CREES, Joe Diaz of GCDC, Pam Sablan, Lillian Ada, Ray Diaz and Ruth Pangelinan of the Council on Developmental Disabilities, and Aileen Babauta of TASA for their invitations to have us work with their summer campers. It is through your efforts that we have a better chance at working out our differences. Thank you very much for helping our youth in the CNMI stay positive and productive this summer.

If you or your group would like to invite NMPASI to work with you, do not hesitate to contact our office at 235-7273 or 4 for telephone; 235-7275 for fax; 235-7278 for TTY, or visit us online at www.nmpasi.org. Remember, NMPASI is a community resource. We hope to hear from you soon and enjoy the rest of your summer!

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Imagine imposing what's known as a "living wage." In Washington, D.C. the living wage is estimated at $12.50 per hour for entry-level fast food employees. What would this figure be like here? Is it more like $18.50 per hour?

It's all disorienting, isn't it? My plate is as full as yours. The only commonality we share is the yearning for answers to which there's none. But there's the audacity of indifference from the Nancy Boys upstairs. With this in mind, what's your vision of our future?

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We seem most capable rewarding mediocrity and complacency for purposes of comfort, warmly welcomed by the Nancy Boys on the hill. But take a closer look: Their inaction has turned into economic misery that is already at your front door. Do we repeat with failure?

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Light and variable winds.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Light and variable winds.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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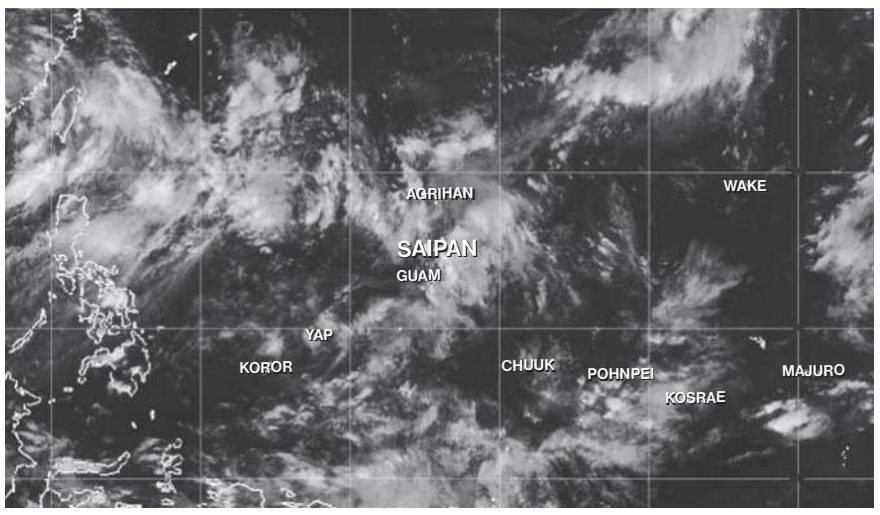
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲87	▼80
Palau	Showers	▲83	▼75
Yap	Showers	▲88	▼76
Chuuk	Showers	▲86	▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲86	▼75
Kosrae	Showers	▲86	▼75
Majuro	Showers	▲84	▼79

Around The Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲60	▼53
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲94	▼76
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲88	▼83
Honolulu	Sunny	▲88	▼75
London	Showers	▲69	▼58
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲86	▼66
Manila	Thundershowers	▲87	▼79
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲64	▼46
Miami	Thundershowers	▲89	▼80
New York	Sunny	▲78	▼62
Osaka	Sunny	▲95	▼79
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲81	▼60
Pusan	Windy	▲88	▼78
Rome	Sunny	▲88	▼71
Salem	Cloudy	▲81	▼64
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼59
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼78
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲93	▼79
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲80	▼65

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak circulation is near 21N136E with areas of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between 15N and 25N from 130E to 142E. An upper-level trough along with convergent southeast surface winds across the Northern Mariana Islands is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between 16N and 24N from 144E to 150E. A surface trough runs from south of Guam at 8N144E to east of Saipan at 16N151E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are within 150 miles of the trough. Another surface trough between Pohnpei and Kosrae curves from 2N158E to 7N162E to 13N162E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are within 200 miles of the trough. A weak surface trough is also across the southern Marshall Islands from 3N169E to 7N180. Scattered showers are within 125 miles of the trough. A trade-wind disturbance northeast of Majuro is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east of a line from 10N172E to 16N171E. Unstable conditions near the equator are triggering scattered showers southeast of a line from 3N132E to 5N146E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

2:29 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
10:10 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
5:23 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
10:08 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:03 AM	6:40 PM
Saturday	6:03 AM	6:39 PM
Sunday	6:03 AM	6:39 PM
Monday	6:03 AM	6:38 PM
Tuesday	6:03 AM	6:38 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:01 AM	12:44 AM
Saturday	3:01 AM	1:43 AM
Sunday	3:59 AM	2:44 AM
Monday	4:55 AM	3:47 AM
Tuesday	5:47 AM	4:49 AM

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UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
0Z1077	4:50am	7:10am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)			
DL583	5:50am	8:30am	2, 5, 6
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)			
0Z119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			
0Z608	3:10am	6:20am	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
0Z606	2:20am	6:00am	1
0Z606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
0Z612	3:40am	7:20am	Daily
0Z119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX
0Z604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			
MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)			
SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
0Z606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
0Z606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:05pm	Daily via NRT
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM
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0Z604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
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0Z604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN

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UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
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UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:15am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	10:10am	10:45am	6
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5062	3:45am	4:20am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	11:15am	11:50am	6
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	Daily
0Z1087	10:00pm	2:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN			
DL582	8:30pm	1:00am+1	1, 4, 5
OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN			
0Z120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily
BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
0Z607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
0Z603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
0Z120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
0Z605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
0Z605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
0Z611	9:10pm	2:40am+1	Daily
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN			
SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
PR110/UA5072	7:55am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
DL172/288	8:00am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
0Z702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
0Z702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
0Z704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
0Z746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
0Z722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
0Z722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

Find better solutions

I see there was a slew of letters for casinos and they all had the common thread of never mind the facts—just take the risk and go along believing in their rhetoric. I respect the opinions of everyone but that doesn't mean I have to agree, therefore I beg to respectfully rebut their rationale to the concerns:

1. *The casinos if approved on Saipan will be restricted to large hotels and not easily accessible as present poker parlors which are all over the place in locations such as Laundromats, stores, bowling alley, barbershops, near schools and churches, etc. Poker parlors will be closed once casino operations begin.* People were told this lie about the poker machines and relocating the machines now *is not* going change the established addictions that much. Where is the plan for an outreach program to help the local people with gambling addictions?

2. *Casinos are no longer only a place to conduct a game of chance but have become a place that offer family recreation activities*. So what, Saipan is already a family-oriented destination and we don't need casinos that will damage the family image.

3. *The old belief that casino operation brings criminal elements such as drugs, murder, and prostitution is a myth.* It seems this person doesn't realize that the numbers on Saipan will instantly create the opportunity for "organized" crime to move in. There is hardly anyone or opportunities on Tinian or Rota to take advantage of. But it is common sense and common knowledge that the criminal element will follow casinos!

4. *Domestic violence, family financial problems, broken marriages gambling addiction, drug addiction/trafficking, etc. These problems already exist here in Saipan.* Yes they exist and they certainly won't decrease with casinos and poker machines. Changing the location alone *will not* solve the problem.

5. *The two referendums that were held many years ago on Saipan that rejected casino operation is irrelevant now.* Changing the economic fabric of the CNMI will *always* require the consent and support of the people—a decision made by the people can *never* be irrelevant as the people are the government.

6. *Saipan doesn't need a feasibility study because Tinian and Rota did not conduct a feasibility study*. Well, look at what has happened to Tinian and Rota because a study would have revealed what they needed to do to grow and prosper. We are supposed to learn from history and our mistakes and this person is saying, "Never mind." I'm glad most citizens have common sense and can see the common sense and the business sense of having a feasibility study.

7. *Let's give it a chance and if it does not work we will kill it*. The CNMI's economy *is not* a trial-and-error game we can keep playing and hope to win. We must take a chance but they must be sound, educated risks, not the belief in casino stuff that is being preached based on no facts.

There was a letter about the $409 million that will take us 10 years to collect from casinos. There is no payment over $45 million and it will take until 2021 just to cover the Retirement Fund debt alone, not to mention the many other things like land compensation, CHC, CUC and the others that casinos obviously can't do based on these numbers. But I will give the solutions in my next letter and it won't include more casinos.

Ambrose M. Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

JUSTICE

From Page 10

from point-to-point rather than using hubs, effectively competes with the legacy giants. Its system enables it to make frequent stops in smaller markets. The same goes for Southwest rival JetBlue. Those so-called low-cost carriers are an important source of competitive discipline.

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan has not joined this lawsuit. We hope Madigan sticks to that decision. Illinois has a strong interest in saving American Airlines, which is a key airline at O'Hare. But Madigan has reason beyond hometown interests to stay out of this.

The merger is in the nation's interest. The Justice Department needs to back off.

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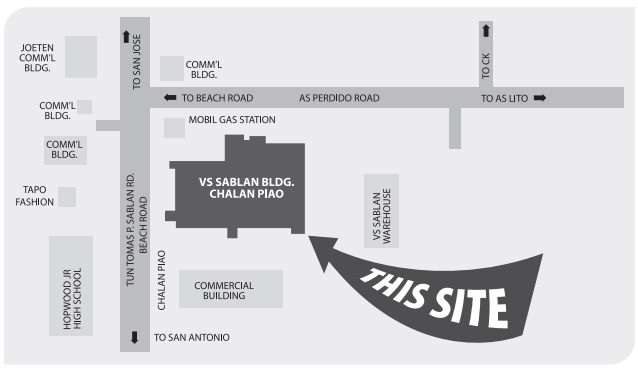

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Letter to the Editor

Keep an open mind

This is with reference to House Bill 18-45. The content of the bill is fine except that I disagree that the first and second senatorial districts will have a commissioner for the third senatorial district. At present, both the first and second senatorial districts have their commissioners and their casinos on their respective islands. Saipan as the third senatorial district has no part in it. We have no commissioners serving on either districts and I respect that, so why can't they do the same? The context of the bill will benefit our sister islands, their retirees, hospitals, schools, etc., as they have always emphasizes that we are one Commonwealth. Everybody knows that the revenue generating island is Saipan.

During my tenure as a member of the 17th Legislature, I have monitored each of our respective islands' revenue collections. In 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012, the first and second senatorial districts collected less than $2 million for each island per year. The rest of the revenue collected is from Saipan but, guess what, we still share the pie with our brothers and sisters since we have become one Commonwealth. We have given more than what was generated, and we will continue to do so, since then and for many more years to come.

Revenue is what we need. I also support casinos. I have read in both local newspapers the negative aspect of casinos and what might happen should we allow casinos on Saipan. First of all, please keep in mind that the investors are taking a risk, hoping that through tourism they will be able to recover their investments. Based on the 2010 Census there are less than 50,000 people on the islands. These investors intend to recover their investments through our over 360,000 per year visitors. They are not stupid to spend millions with our small population. I believe that through strong enforcement by the appointed commissioners, as well as Finance, Revenue and Taxation, and the Legislature working hand in hand, we can be successful. If they don't, then yes, corruption and other ugly things will happen.

Please keep an open mind and remember that casinos investors are relying on our visitors and not on us, the less than 50,000 residents of the Commonwealth. Food for thoughts: "United we are stand strong. Divided we will continue to suffer and fall."

Joseph M Palacios
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Chasing paradise

By LUKE BELING
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Luke Beling and his wife, Kristy, have recently moved to Saipan to teach at Whispering Palms School on Navy Hill. Luke is originally from South Africa and Kristy is from Wisconsin. Before moving to Saipan, they were located in Minnesota.

When you're chasing paradise, small as Saipan is, it helps to have a silver scooter supplying 80 miles per gallon. Not every road is paved or marked.

Some are less than soil and sand. But most lead to bliss.

Navy Hill Road leads us out from the avocado trees through coconut shade and chasing dogs. The gears fall to neutral then our wheels turn quickly to meet a sea breeze that carries the smell of a pig farm and an ocean current.

If we turn right before the hill turns flat, we'll be at Whispering Palms School. Here we feed Beauty, the one-eyed cat, and plan for the coming semester. The hum of Ernie, our groundskeeper, provides the morning melody, usually his favorite Cat Stevens song. Our classrooms spy on the turquoise blue, keeping tabs of waves, swells, and ships at sea.

If our day is free or our work is done, we follow Navy Hill to Beach Road. Amidst tourists and natives selling fruit, we stop to bathe at Micro Beach, Wing Beach, or Sugar Dock. Friendly locals eat and drink at Sugar Dock, while kids jump from a low pier into water baked by the sun. Micro Beach is picturesque: tall coconut trees provide shade, calm sea keeps unsure swimmers, while in the distance the small island of Mañagaha poses for postcards. The road to Wing Beach is sand and bony rocks, sharp enough to pierce our wheels. So our drive is slow and patient, bumpy and craggy.

Once our feet are on ground again, we walk under a canopy of palm trees. The tall and short greenery opens to white sand, tall rock cliffs, and clear tidal ocean covering clusters of coral reef. Behind the reef small waves break, enticing brave or foolish body surfers. To the left a fisherman casts his net to keep his family. To the right small white crabs chase each other near tourists who sleep in lazy pools.

Our road home is steep: away from the setting sun, to the top of Navy Hill, past chasing dogs, through coconut trees and shallow gravel. Our patio light is on. The only sound comes from insects. An avocado fell while we were gone. We dust the dirt from its skin then place it with the other fruit, to be used tomorrow or fairly soon before the sun makes bad of it.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Missed opportunities

As I consider the many urgent issues and concerns facing our people in the Northern Marianas since our becoming part of the great American family some 40 years ago, I must say that I am overwhelmed by the many "could've been" possibilities and opportunities. Here are some of them for discussion purposes:

Some of the major Las Vegas casino operators were on Tinian in the early 1990s looking for exciting opportunities to be nearer to the huge Asia gambling markets. Where would the Northern Marianas be now had these great American investors and operators were given the opportunity to invest billions of their dollars on Tinian rather then Macau or Singapore?

What about revisiting Article 12 on land alienation in our Constitution to determine whether we can improve upon it in the best interest of our indigenous people of the Northern Marianas? This is my take on this issue: Allow each individual landowner to determine what is best for him or her, and let's begin respecting individual privacy rights!

What about revisiting the Senate membership composition of equal representation for each senatorial district as provided for in our Covenant? I believe this requirement has been a major impediment toward a smoother, "moving forward" operating Northern Marianas! Just imagine where the United States would have been now if, say, it were divided into three areas—Alaska, Hawaii and the US mainland—as one political union with each equal senatorial representative power, the same way that Rota, Tinian and Saipan are now! Could this be the main reason why our government has not moved forward in the last 40 years?

Would the answer lie in having a stronger and more centralized local municipal government?

My belief is that it is high time to reinvent our government, revisit our Constitution and our Covenant in political union with the United States with the aim of improving the livelihood of our people so that they can progressively—not regressively—enjoy a higher standard of living comparable to a state in the United States. And in doing so, we need to be mindful of the unlimited opportunities of being part of the great American family in an island archipelago closest to Asia!

I have always believed that the Northern Marianas could be better—we just need more leaders who can make a difference and who truly love the Northern Marianas, not by only talking but with more action! Here are some examples of what I am talking here:

During the last 40 years, the people of the Northern Marianas have needed safe drinking water in their homes. Have they gotten it? Absolutely not! Could this kind of scenario ever happen in any state in the United States presently? Never will!

During the past 10 years, the people of the Northern Marianas have been crying for a more affordable power rates. Have they gotten it? Absolutely not! In fact, CUC is proposing to raise utilities rates come October this year! Could you find us a state in the United States with higher utility rates and with per capita resembling the Northern Marianas? Never will!

During the past 40 years, medical referrals patients from the Northern Marianas have to be evacuated to the Philippines and Hawaii in increasing numbers and at tremendous financial hardships both to the patient families and our government. Is there a state in the Union that does this to its medical referrals patients with such regularity as the Northern Marianas? Never heard of!

During the past 40 years, the Northern Marianas have been sending her college-bound students to colleges and universities in the United States at greater financial burdens to families in particular. The long distance airfares and initial costs of startup at a place far away from home are by themselves financially draining on many families' pocket books, including the payment of high tuition rates. My point here is that as a member of the so-called great American family, I am at a far greater disadvantage than my counterparts in the state of, say, California, in terms of getting my children educated at the college level.

In simple words, the people of the Northern Marianas I love have to overcome enormous odds piled upon them from day one after becoming part of the American family some 40 years ago. I am sure many of them have broken backs by now and many may be unable to really stand up to be counted on as a true American. And just how long would they endure and whether it is worth the pains and sufferings?

I firmly believe that there is still much hope in our Northern Marianas and that life could be better. We dearly need more leaders who are more action-oriented. We need more leaders who can pound the table and say, "Enough is enough!" Because of their true love for the Northern Marianas!

Juan S. Demapan
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Health insurance when starting out a family

When you are single, it is easy to disregard the need to invest in health insurance. But one day, when you plan to have a family of your own, things will change. Your family will be dependent on you for their wellbeing. And this is when health insurance becomes a necessity.

During pregnancy

When starting out a family your initial plans on investing in health insurance will focus mainly on your first pregnancy. The healthcare costs associated with pregnancy can drain your bank account if you do not have adequate health coverage. Prenatal visits, ultrasounds, baby delivery, and unforeseen complications can cost you thousands in out-of-pocket expenses. Despite varying health insurance plans, maternity coverage is usually included to cover medical expenses associated with pregnancy and delivery.

After delivery

After your child is born, he or she will be immediately scheduled for regular visits with a pediatrician. At this point, your child will now be covered as a dependent under your family health plan. This is also the stage when you will find your insurance most hard at work since the early stages of a child's life is when it is most delicate and susceptible to all kinds of illnesses requiring constant doctor visits.

After your child passes the newborn stage, medical expenses does not usually slow down. This is when you can reassess your health coverage to ensure that your plan is adequate enough to cover those accidentals cuts and bruises that toddlers and youth are most prone to.

What coverage to look for

As much as we desire to design our health plan, the reality is we are usually a part of a group that makes up a plan. If you are a government employee, you will be given options that the government has chosen for you. If you are with a private company, you will also have limited options.

Most health insurance plans require you to share in the risk by requiring co-pays and deductibles. Premiums vary depending on the loss history or what insurers refer to as the experience.

When investing in a family health plan, look for an insurer that will offer little or no deductibles, low co-pays, a long list of providers, and flexibility.

When choosing to receive services, you should go with a participating provider. Participating providers are clinics and hospitals that are part of an insurer's network. Your coverage would depend on whether you received services from an in-network provider or an out-of-network provider. Basically, you will save more money by seeing a doctor through an in-network provider.

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DPW starts work on Isa Drive

The Department of Public Works said yesterday that the construction of Cross Island Road, Phase II-B (Isa Drive) from its intersection with Kagman Road to the former Sara Market Store will begin on Aug. 13, 2013, and is expected to be completed on Oct. 16, 2014.

The construction operations will be Monday to Friday, 7:30am to 4pm.

Also, DPW said that the construction of Beach Road/Tun Segundo traffic signal system in Chalan Kanoa started on July 18, 2013, and is expected to be completed by May 14, 2014. The construction operations will be Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm.

DPW said there will be reasonable delays in the public's travel along the construction areas as changes in traffic patterns may likely occur. The public is advised to plan their travel accordingly, drive safely, obey traffic signs and speed limit of 15 mph along construction zones. ***(DPW)***

Water outage on Monday

Residents of Dandan (Airport Road), Fina Sisu (Chalan Msgr. Martinez Road), and Kannat Tabla (Chalan Msgr. Guerrero Road) will experience a four-hour water outage on Monday, Aug. 19, 2013, between 7am and 5pm, according to a Commonwealth Utilities Corp. statement yesterday.

The purpose of this water outage is to allow CUC's contractor, GPPC Inc., to make interconnections to the newly installed distribution main. This project is part of the San Vicente Service Area Extension Project funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The water outage will affect residents living on Chalan Tun Herman Pan Rd. (Airport Rd.), Fina Sisu residents living along Chalan Msgr. Martinez Road, and Kannat Tabla residents living along Chalan Msgr. Guerrero Road.

CUC encourages its customers to call the CUC Call Center at (670) 235-0282 or 235-2282 if you have any complaints about having no water or low-pressure water as GPPC Inc. transfers CUC's existing customers from the old 8-inch ACP waterline to the new 12-inch PVC waterline.

Because of the scale of the work to be performed, CUC recommends that motorists take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the construction sites.

CUC's operations team and GPPC, Inc. will be working hard to return service to customers in these affected areas as soon as possible. Direct inquiries to project manager Yvonne Cabrera at (670) 235-7025-30 Ext. 324. ***(CUC)***

Mount Carmel offers six-week SAT boot camp

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REPORTER

A program that seeks to help students improve their performance when taking college admission examinations is now being offered at Mount Carmel School.

Dubbed as SAT Boot Camp, the six-week activity is designed for secondary students, according to Mount Carmel School president Galvin Deleon Guerrero yesterday.

This year's camp, the fifth for the institution, will run from Aug. 24 through Oct. 5 and is open to all high school students.

First offered in the fall of 2009, the six-week boot camp is designed to help students improve their performance in the College Board's SAT, a standardized test used for most college admissions in the United States.

Deleon Guerrero

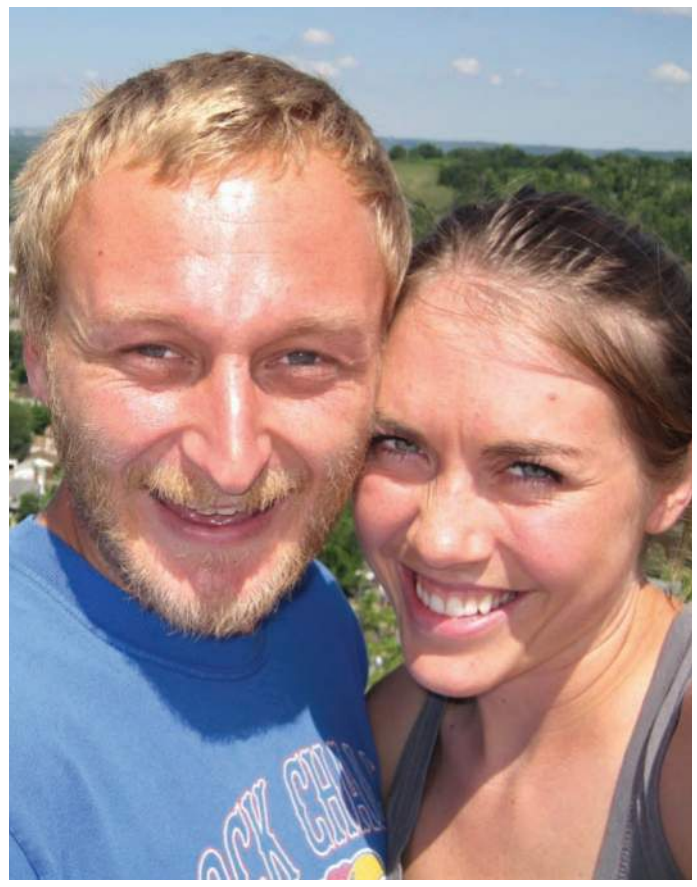
The program curriculum helps students analyze and explain how the test is designed and scored; learn and use effective test-taking strategies; review and refresh content knowledge in English and math; and ease test-taking anxiety and increase comfort and confidence by taking practice tests. The program alternates between practice tests, group sessions, and English and math instruction taught by Galvin Deleon Guerrero and Emmanuel Borja.

Over the years, over a hundred students have taken the boot camp, many of whom have increased their SAT scores by an average of 200 points. In some cases, students raised their scores by almost 400 points.

For 2013 AlumKnight Victoria C. Deleon Guerrero, who enrolled in the program twice in 2011 and in 2012, the whole program is challenging but helpful.

"It was one of the most challenging things I've ever done in my life, but also one of the most helpful. It definitely helped me get into one of the best colleges in the Pacific Northwest," she added, referring to Seattle University, where she begins her freshman year in September.

The fee for the boot camp is $200 for Mount Carmel School students and $300 for those not enrolled at the school. Application forms are available at the school and online and are due by Friday, Aug. 23. For more information, call 234-6184 or email galvin.deleonguerrero@gmail.com.


Luke and Kristy Beling are the newest addition to the teaching staff of Whispering Palms School.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Meet the Belings!

Whispering Palms School, now in its 26th year of operation on Saipan, is excited to welcome Kristy and Luke Beling to the staff. Kristy is teaching the first and second graders, while Luke is teaching the third and fourth graders.

Luke Beling grew up along the Indian Ocean in East London, South Africa. At 19 he moved to Campbellsville, Kentucky, where he received a tennis scholarship and graduated with a BA in English Literature. He continued his studies while working as the assistant tennis coach for Campbellsville University. In 2009 he graduated with an MA in Teaching English as a Second Language. After spending a year teaching in Beijing, China, he moved to Minnesota to marry his wife, Kristy Beling.

The strong sense of community that is fostered at Whispering Palms School, and the beauty around every corner, has made his welcome to the island of Saipan an unforgettable one.

Kristy Beling grew up on a small fishing resort in Northern Wisconsin. Throughout life she has always enjoyed playing sports, learning about new places, and trying new foods. After high school she traveled and volunteered in places like Swaziland, Mozambique, and Haiti. Through her traveling and volunteering, she realized she loved working with and teaching children from all over the world. Kristy pursued her interest in teaching by obtaining her bachelor's and master's of Education from Winona State University. She feels overwhelmed with gratitude for the opportunity to teach the kind-hearted and hard working students at Whispering Palms School. ***(PR)***

BoG's Christmas card contest begins

HAGÅTÑA, Guam—The Bank of Guam is now accepting entries for its 7th Annual Christmas Card Contest, which is open to all elementary and middle school students throughout Guam, the CNMI, Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

» **For elementary and middle school students**
» **Deadline is Oct. 18, 2013**

"Island Christmas Wish" is this year's theme, and the winner will be featured on the cover of the bank's Christmas card, which is annually sent to businesses and individuals. The medium is a 4"x 6" card entry using watercolors, pastel crayons, colored pencils or acrylic paints only.

The first place winner will get $250; second place, $175; and third place, $100. Gift baskets of school supplies will also be included with the cash prizes.

A Cold Stone Creamery coupon will be given to the first 500 entries from Guam. Contest rules and applications are available at all elementary and middle schools or at any Bank of Guam branch.

For more information, contact Kebrina Duenas at (671) 472-5236, email at kebrina.duenas@bankofguam.com or fax at (671) 477-6796. ***(BoG)***

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SAES registration ongoing
Registration for school 2013-2014 is ongoing at the San Antonio Elementary School. Registration forms are available at the office. For returning students, submit the complete registration form, the child's health certificate (which requires an annual renewal), a map of residence, and insurance card. For new students, include the child's birth certificate and the transfer-out form from their previous school.

Parent orientation will be on Friday, Aug. 30, 2013, from 5:30pm to 7pm.

Classes will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2013. The tardy bell will ring at 8am and dismissal will be at 2:30pm. Gates will open 7:15am. New dismissal time for school year will be at 2:30pm. ***(PR)***

Tinian beach red-flagged
The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged the Leprosarium Beach 1 on Tinian and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of this location for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from this site contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

Air Force training on Farallon de Medinilla
ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- Aug. 19 – 20, from 9:30am to 6pm
- Aug. 22, from 9:30am to 2pm

The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated above.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. ***(PR)***

Waters around FDM open for fisherman
ASAN, Guam—Waters surrounding the island of Farallon de Medinilla are deemed safe for local fishermen from Aug. 15 at noon until Aug. 19 at 6am.

The general public is advised to remain off the island of Farallon de Medinilla due to safety and security concerns. ***(PR)***

ChaCha, KagES meeting for parents today
This is to inform all parents, guardians, and the community that ChaCha Ocean View Jr. High School, together with Kagman Elementary School, will be having a meeting for incoming kindergarten and 6th grade students today, Aug. 16, 2013, from 9am to 11am in the ChaCha Oceanview Junior High School cafeteria. All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend this meeting. Call the school at 237-3921 or 664-4100 if you have any question or concerns. ***(PR)***

Kagman High registration
All new and returning students to Kagman High are required to register for the upcoming school year. Registration forms are available at the Main Office or Registrar's Office. At this time, many incoming freshmen and sophomore students have not yet registered.

Students must register by Aug. 16, 2013, in order to receive their schedule at orientation. Students who register after this date will not be guaranteed a schedule at orientation.

Orientation dates are as scheduled:

- Freshmen and seniors: Aug. 27, 1:30pm to 2:30pm
- Sophomores and juniors: Aug. 28, 1:30pm to 2:30pm

Registration documents needed are current Blue health card, map to the residence, copies of birth certificate, and insurance card. ***(PR)***

Kagman High beginning-of-the-year orientations
Orientation for all new and returning students is designed to inform parents and students of any new or changing information about the 2013-2014 school year. Attendance at orientation is highly recommended for both parents and students.

Schedules will be handed out on this day. Students who are not registered will not get schedules. Orientation dates are:

- Freshmen and seniors: Tuesday, Aug. 27, from 1:30pm to 2:30pm
- Sophomores and juniors: Wednesday, Aug. 28, from 1:30pm to 2:30pm. ***(PR)***

CCA board to meet on Aug. 20
The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. ***(CCA)***

Survivors, caregivers support meeting on Aug. 22
All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2013, starting at 5:30pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com or cca@ccamarianas.org. ***(CCA)***

Veterans' benefits outreach on Saipan, Tinian
Lee Stahli from the U.S. Department of Veterans Benefits Outreach Office in Guam will be on Saipan and Tinian to conduct a Federal Veterans Benefits Outreach. He will entertain all inquires on old and new VA disability claims, including all other VA benefits questions.

Stahli will be on Tinian on Aug. 20, 2013, from 9am to 4pm, at the Tinian Mayor's Office conference room. He will be on Saipan on Aug. 21 and Aug. 23, from 8:30am to 4pm, at the Saipan VA Outreach Clinic, Suite 206 (second floor) at the Marina Heights Business Park, MHII Bldg. Appointments and walk-ins are all welcome. ***(PR)***

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Division of Historic Preservation Office under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs hereby give notice that a regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board will be held on August 23, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. at the Office on Aging "Man'amko Center".

The following items are on the agenda for the above-referenced meeting:

AGENDA

I **PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes

II **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

III **REPORTS**
1. Secretary's Report
2. Field Reports (Saipan/Tinian/Rota)

IV **OLD BUSINESS**
1. Section 106 Military Development/Responses
2. Recommendations from Board on Section 106 Communications

V **NEW BUSINESS**
1. Budget FY 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013
2. Policy Matters
3. Appointment of Special Advisory Committee
4. Board Trainings Re: Section 106 "Essential & Advanced Courses"

VI **OTHER MATTERS**
1. Reports on New Proposal on Military Development on Tinian and Pagan
2. Proposed Projects on Fiscal Year 2013 Budget
3. Discussion on Signage/Fencing on Established Historical Sites (Rota-Water Cave)
4. Miscellaneous

VII **ADJOURNMENT**

/s/ Tom Glenn A. Quitugua
Chairman of the Board

Back to School/Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Awareness Month
August 01 – 31, 2013

Family Safety Rules for Bicycle Riding

Follow these rules when you ride your bicycle:

- Always wear a bicycle helmet—every time you ride!
- Ride on the right, in the same direction as other vehicles. The bicycle is a vehicle. Bicyclists and drivers follow the same rules of the road!
- Ride a bicycle that fits you and has working parts.
- Always ride with at least one hand on the handlebars.
- Obey all traffic laws, signs, and signals.
- Be visible. Wear bright clothing and reflective materials during the day.
- If you have to ride at night, you must have white headlight in the front and red lights or reflectors on the back of your bike. Reflective material on your clothing, helmet, backpack, is helpful at dusk, dawn, in bad weather or at night.
- Always pay attention to traffic. Never use headphones or talk on cell phone while you bike.
- Avoid dangers in the road.

Follow these rules when driving around bicyclists:

- Obey all signs and signals.
- Bicyclists are allowed to ride on the roadway unless there is a sign that says no bicycles.
- Stop, wait, or pass bicycles as you would a car.

Bicyclists Make Safe Choices!

Bicycles in the roadway are considered vehicles.

Bicyclists ages 10 and older should bicycle like a vehide, on the street, in the same direction as other traffic and follow the same rules.

Sidewalks were designed for pedestrians. If you bicycle on the sidewalk:

- **Bicycle slowly and give pedestrians the right of way.**
- **Don't bike into Grandma or baby brother in hisstroller.**
- **Follow the rules for pedestrians.**
  - *Stop before crossing the street from a sidewalk to give motorists time to see you.*
  - *Make sure turning motorists see you by making eye contact.*
  - *Cross the road by walking your bicycle in the crosswalk just like a pedestrian.*

Getting to School Safely

By Walking — Crossing the Street

1. Walk to school with a group of kids and always have a responsible adult walk with you.
2. Always walk on the sidewalk if one is available.
3. If no sidewalk is available, walk facing the traffic.
4. The safest place to cross is at a street corner or intersection.
5. If you are 10 years old or younger, you need to cross the street with an adult. You should not cross by yourself. Ask an adult to tell you who can help you cross the street.
6. Before you step off the curb to cross the street, stop and look left-right-left to see if cars are coming. Do you know your left from your right? If you do, that is great! If you don't, here is a hint: when you hold your left hand up, your thumb and first finger will make the letter "L," and that stands for "left."
7. When no cars are coming, it is safe for you and an adult to cross. But look left-right-left as you do it, and hold the adult's hand.

By Riding Your Bicycle

1. The best and smartest bicycle riders always wear their bicycle helmets! They know that bicycle helmets will keep their heads and brains safe. Are you one of the best and smartest riders?
2. Ask an adult to make sure that your helmet fits correctly. The helmet should fit low on your forehead so that two fingers fit between it and your eyebrows. Another way to check is to put the helmet on your head and look up. If you can't see your helmet, it is too far back.
3. To ride safely, you need to know the rules of the road. Do you know what "the rules of the road" are for bicycles? If you don't, then you should not ride in traffic or without an adult.
4. When you ride your bicycle, wearing a helmet helps to keep you safe. You should also wear bright colors during the day, and right before the sun rises or sets. This makes it easier for drivers to see you, and that helps to keep you safe, too.
5. Riding at night can be dangerous. If you have to ride your bicycle at night, you should ride with an adult. You should also have a white light on the front of your bicycle and a red reflector on the back. You can also get lights and reflective materials to put on your shoes, helmet and clothing. When light hits this material at night, it glows and makes it easier for a driver to see you!
6. Practice makes you more skilled at riding your bicycle. The more skilled you are at riding, the less likely you will be to crash. Practice riding skills in an empty parking lot or a place with no traffic. Practice such things as riding in a straight line, looking over your shoulder, signaling with your hands, and starting and stopping.

Pedestrians Make Safe Choices!

Don't forget, only cross in crosswalks!

CNMI Department of Public Safety. For more information call:
SAIPAN 664-9001/2 TINIAN 433-9222 ROTA 532-9433

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION TO BIDS
CUC-ITB-13-023

SURVEYED VEHICLES

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is inviting interested individuals and firms to bid on CUC Surveyed Vehicles located in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Bid Package may be obtained upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit from the CUC Treasury Section by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $25.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and One (1) copy must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-ITB-13-023, CUC Surveyed Vehicles"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 23, 2013** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

Bidders must sign a Waiver of Liability, removing CUC's liability from claims resulting from violations relating to the removal and disposal of the surveyed vehicles. CUC shall transfer and assign the surveyed vehicles to the prospective bidder in a **"As is, Where is"** condition. By accepting the transfer and assignment, the bidder acknowledges that CUC has made no representation or warranties of the merchantability, quality, fitness, and condition of the vehicles.

The vehicles may be inspected by appointment only, between the hours of 9:00 AM thru 3:00 PM Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, by contacting CUC Procurement & Supply Division at telephone no. 235-7025.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects in the said bids, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the best interest of the CUC.

All inquiries shall be must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **August 14, 2013** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Administrative Assistant for Procurement via email marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

Business

Eurozone recession comes to an end

MADRID (AP)—Minube, a travel startup on the outskirts of Madrid, is doing something that many Spanish companies haven't thought about for years: It's hiring.

The company, which sells bookings as it helps travelers share their experiences using social media, has nearly doubled its headcount from 17 at the end of last year to 30. Business is booming as customers come in from across Europe—including some places hardest hit by Europe's economic crisis.

"We're finally starting to see a bigger growth curve in Spain, and the strong growth in Italy has been a surprise," Minube's co-founder, Pedro Jareno, said. "The improvements we are starting to see in the market are constant."

That brighter—or less gloomy—backdrop was confirmed in figures Wednesday, which showed that the longest-ever recession to afflict the eurozone came to an end in the second quarter of the year.

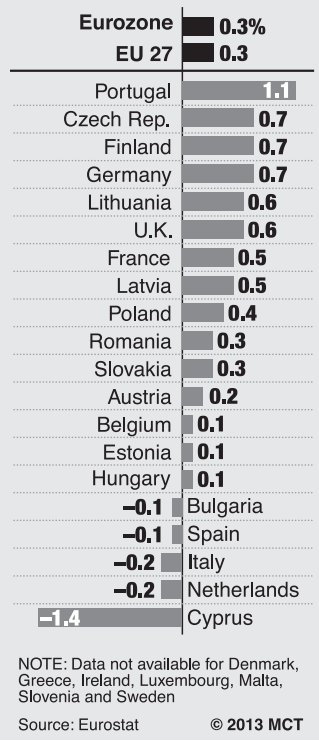
Eurostat, the European Union's statistics office, said the 17 EU countries that use the euro saw their collective economic output increase by 0.3 percent in the April to June period from the previous quarter.

That's the first quarterly growth since the eurozone slipped into recession in the last three months of 2011. The ensuing recession of six quarters was the longest since the euro currency was launched in 1999.

The improvement made up for the previous quarter's equivalent decline and was moderately better than the 0.2 percent anticipated in the markets.

EU growth

The eurozone emerged from an 18-month recession in the second quarter, but growth was uneven across the countries.



NOTE: Data not available for Denmark, Greece, Ireland, Luxembourg, Malta, Slovenia and Sweden

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Airline mergers have already led to higher fares

NEW YORK (AP)—The government is trying to put a stop to rising airfares and fees by blocking the latest airline merger—but for fliers, it's already too late. The past decade has seen the largest transformation of the airline industry in a generation. Prior to 2005, there were nine major U.S. airlines. Today, just five. The merger of American Airlines and US Airways would bring that number down to four. But Tuesday, the Department of Justice moved to block the deal, saying it would cost consumers hundreds of millions of dollars a year in higher fares and extra fees.

But even before this, the cost of flying had gone up for consumers as the industry consolidated. The average cost of a roundtrip domestic ticket—including baggage and reservation change fees—grew to $378.62 last year, up from $351.48 in 2008, when adjusted for inflation.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-13-026

Capitol Hill Pressure Improvement and Waterline Replacement Project

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Capitol Hill Pressure Improvement and Waterline Replacement Project in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

The work consists of installation of new waterlines, cut and cap and tapping to existing waterlines in Capitol Hill Housing Blocks 1200 and 1300, Pohnpei Way, and Isa Drive; installation of new pressure reducing valves, gate valves and fire hydrants. The work is also inclusive of installation of new water lateral lines, reconnection of all existing water meters, asphalt paving restoration, etc. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package may be picked-up, upon receipt of payment from the CUC Treasury Section by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $250.00 (non-refundable) at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **August 23, 2013** at 1:30 PM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.14, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-13-026, Capitol Hill Pressure Improvement and Waterline Replacement Project" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 12, 2013**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **August 26, 2013** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Larry Manacop, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email at larry.manacop@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

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Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-13-028

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF PREPAID METERS

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Supply and Delivery of Remote Disconnect Prepaid Meters for CUC Power Division, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Bid Package may be obtained, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash or check, in the amount of $100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-IFB-13-028, Supply & Delivery of Remote Disconnect Prepaid Meters",* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 9, 2013** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **August 23, 2013** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Alfredo Palattao, CUC Power Division Engineer via email at alfredo.palattao@cucgov.org & Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email charles.warren@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN FLETCHER
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Nation

Manning takes stand, apologizes for hurting US

FORT MEADE, Md. (AP)—Pfc. Bradley Manning took the stand Wednesday at his sentencing hearing in the WikiLeaks case and apologized for hurting his country, pleading with a military judge for a chance to go to college and become a productive citizen.

He addressed the court on a day of often emotional testimony from family members about his troubled childhood and from a psychologist who said Manning felt extreme mental pressure in the "hyper-masculine" military because of his gender-identity disorder—his feeling that he was a woman trapped in a man's body.

Manning

"I am sorry that my actions hurt people. I'm sorry that they hurt the United States," he said as he began.

The soldier said that he understood what he was doing but that he did not believe at the time that leaking a mountain of classified information to the anti-secrecy website would cause harm to the U.S.

Though he often showed little reaction to court proceedings during most of the two and a half month court-martial, Manning appeared to struggle to contain his emotions several times Wednesday during testimony from his sister, an aunt and two mental health counselors, one who treated him and another who diagnosed him with several problems.

Manning, 25, could be sentenced to 90 years in prison for the leaks, which occurred while he was working as an Army intelligence analyst in Iraq in 2010. The judge will impose the sentence, though exactly when is unclear. The next session, for any prosecution rebuttal testimony, is set for Friday.

Speaking quickly but deliberately, Manning took only a few minutes to make his statement Wednesday. He appeared to be reading it from papers he was holding and looked up a number of times to make eye contact with the judge. It was an unsworn statement, meaning he could not be cross-examined by prosecutors.

He said he realizes now that he should have worked more aggressively "inside the system" to draw attention to his concerns about the way the war was being waged.

Warrants: Mother, boy tortured before friend fled

SAN DIEGO (AP)—A family friend tortured and killed a mother and 8-year old son before setting his home on fire and escaping with the mother's 16-year-old daughter, according to search warrants unsealed Wednesday.

The warrants do not describe the torture but say firefighters found the mother's body in James Lee DiMaggio's garage near a crowbar and what appeared to be blood next to her head. A dead dog was found under a sleeping bag in the garage with blood near its head.

Investigators found the child's body as they sifted through rubble.

DiMaggio and 16-year-old Hannah Anderson exchanged about 13 calls before Hannah was picked up from cheerleading practice on Aug. 4. Both phones were turned off, and the home burned several hours later.

DiMaggio, 40, was like an uncle to the children and close to the parents for nearly two decades. The warrants describe how DiMaggio took Hannah on multi-day trips, most recently to Malibu and Hollywood.

Hannah Anderson was rescued when FBI agents killed DiMaggio in the Idaho wilder-

In this June 2011 file photo provided by Andrea Saincome, Hannah Anderson, center, reclining across the laps of others, and James Lee DiMaggio, right, pose for a picture with other members of the extended Anderson and Saincome families. AP

ness on Saturday, ending a six-day search that spanned much of the western United States and parts of Canada and Mexico. Hannah Anderson described on a social media site how she survived captivity and how she is coping with the deaths of her mother and brother.

"I wish I could go back in time and risk my life to try and save theirs. I will never forgive myself for not trying harder to save them," she wrote.

The postings, which began Monday night and stopped Tuesday night, appeared on the ask.fm social-networking site account for "Hannahbanana722" of Lakeside, the San Diego suburb where the teen lived with her mother and brother. The account was disabled Wednesday.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
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Saipan, MP 96950

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW/FHWA-13-RFP-011

Saipan – Tinian Route Ferry Service Feasibility Study for Inter-Island Marine Public Transportation System, CNMI

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Jude Hofschneider,, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified firms to examine and prepare the economic feasibility of establishing and developing a publicly owned and privately operated ferry service in the form of a contract with the public entity for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Inter-Island Marine Public Transportation System between the Islands of Saipan and Tinian that expands both passenger and auto services as described in the Statement of Work of this RFP.

This project is funded in whole using Federal-aid Highway funds administered under the Department of Public Works. The project funding limit authorized by the grantor shall not exceed $170,000.00 unless additional funding has been identified by the CNMI Government.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **§70-30.3-210** of the regulations.

The RFP Package including consultant qualification requirements, proposal submittal requirements, and Scope of Work will be made available on or after **August 2, 2013** at the Department of Public Works, Office of the Secretary, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Saipan. A mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center on September 3, 2013. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commerc ial Center Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 4:30 p.m. local time September 17, 2013.

Evaluation Criteria
Submitted proposals will be evaluated by the Evaluation Committee assigned by the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority Commonwealth Public Transportation Advisory Board, Office of the Governor based on the following four criterion with the following weights: (1) Relevant Experience and Qualifications of the firm (30%); (2) Proposed Approach (30%); (3) Schedule of Completion (20%) and Demonstrated Capacity and Ability to Perform the Work Required (20%). Proposers must submit with their proposal the required information for each criteria as further described in the Statement of Work. These ranking factors are summarized in the table below.

The total proposal submitted shall be no more than fifty (50) pages in length. Note that a firm, which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Pre-Contract Requirements
Prior to being awarded a contract for professional consulting services, the firm or company must have submitted the following:

a) A valid CNMI Business License to perform such services;
b) Have a certification stating the firm has no pending federal or local court judgment(s) or cases against the firm in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and
c) Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension.

The firm shall be responsible for obtaining proper licenses, permits, clearances, or authorizations for the proper execution of a contract within the CNMI as required by law.

For any contract or subcontract related to the study/analysis of any project funded in whole or in part with Federal-aid Highway funds, the proposal submitted for the contract, is required to show what the indirect cost (overhead cost not associated with any one particular project defined under 48 CFR §31.203) associated with the project are, to state how the indirect cost figure was reached, and to certify (pursuant to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Order No. 4470.1A that they are allowable costs under 48 CFR §31.2.

Award shall be made to the firm whose proposal is most advantageous to the government.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all submittals and bear all risk concerning delivery.

Proposal Submittal
Sealed proposals must be marked **"DPW/FHWA-13-RFP-011"**. For Proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of proposals must be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, September 20, 2013 to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, September 20, 2013, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For Proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than September 20, 2013 AND must be received no later than October 1, 2013. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

These projects are funded in part through a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. Contract award is contingent upon funding approval by the Department of Transportation (DOT).

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for the project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply

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AMENDED NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **SIA ROOF DRAINAGE AND A/C SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, FRANCISCO C. ADA SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP NO. 3-69-0002-62/65/67 (CPA-SA-003-09).**

Contractors are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: *"Saipan International Airport Roof Drainage & A/C Systems Improvements Project, AIP Nos. 3-69-0002-62/65/67 (CPA-SA-003-09)* and delivered to the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2013**, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of the Drainage System Improvement/Upgrade and Air-Conditioning Improvements to include the replacement of the damaged roof waterproofing with existing insulation board and diversion of the roof drain, and replacement of all PCU units and associated duct works serving all CPA (i.e. public area), all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be in 330 calendar days. The contractor shall be assessed with the liquidated damages in the amount of $500/day if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-24 of the specifications.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", as contained in the bid proposal documents, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of TWO **HUNDRED DOLLARS ($200.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the **CONFERENCE ROOM, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 10:00 AM, FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2013**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will follow right after the pre-bid conference. Attendance is mandatory to all prospective bidders. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference. Contractors are required to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are encouraged to use the CD bid schedule form. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

The proposed contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

All labor on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rates established by CNMI Law or Federal Law, whichever is higher. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract.

Each bidder must supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A contractor having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications. To be eligible for award, each bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond by US Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **ten percent (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The proposed contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chair/Contracting Officer

Date: August 15, 2013

Prison for Jesse Jackson Jr.: a 2 1/2-year sentence

WASHINGTON (AP)—Former Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison Wednesday for illegally spending $750,000 in campaign funds on personal items, the judge scolding the son of the famed civil rights leader for using the money as a "piggy bank" and sentencing his wife to a year as well.

However, Jackson, who emotionally apologized to his father, mother, congressional colleagues and others, was given significantly less prison time than federal guidelines recommend, recognized by the judge as a "complex person" who has done both good and bad.

Jackson

Sandra Jackson, a former Chicago alderman, was sentenced for filing false joint federal income tax returns.

After prison, the former congressman is to spend three years on supervised release and complete 500 hours of community service. If he earns credit for good behavior in prison, he could end up serving closer to two years. He agreed to repay the $750,000 when he pleaded guilty earlier this year.

According to court documents, the Jacksons had spent campaign money on TV's, restaurant dinners, an expensive watch and other costly personal items.

Jackson, 48, had been a Democratic congressman from Illinois from 1995 until he resigned last November. In an emotional speech to the judge, he choked up and used tissues to blow his nose. He apologized and said he wanted to "take responsibility for my actions."

"I misled the American people. I misled the House of Representatives. I misled the Federal Election Commission," he said. "I was wrong."

"I also want to apologize to my dad and to my mother," Jackson added, stopping to compose himself.

The elder Jackson, who sat in the front row during the proceedings, told a crush of reporters outside the courthouse later: "This has been an extraordinarily difficult time for our family."

In court, U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson recognized Jackson Jr.'s public service on issues such as public education and clean water. "That's what makes this situation so tragic," she said.

Nevada petroglyphs the oldest in North America

PYRAMID LAKE, Nev. (AP)—Ancient rock etchings along a dried-up lake bed in Nevada have been confirmed to be the oldest recorded petroglyphs in North America, dating back at least 10,000 years.

The petroglyphs found on limestone boulders near Pyramid Lake in northern Nevada's high desert are similar in design to etchings found at a lake in Oregon that are believed to be at least 7,600 years old. Unlike later drawings that sometimes depict a spear or antelope, the carvings are abstract with tightly clustered geometric designs—some are diamond patterns, others have short parallel lines on top of a longer line.

Scientists can't tell for sure who carved them, but they were found on the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe's reservation land.

"We initially thought people 12,000 or 10,000 years ago were primitive, but their artistic expressions and technological expertise associated with these paints a much different picture," said Eugene Hattori, the curator of anthropology at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City who co-wrote a paper on the findings earlier this month in the Journal of Archaeological Science.

AP

This May 2012 photo provided by the U.S. Geological Survey shows ancient carvings on limestone boulders in northern Nevada's high desert near Pyramid Lake.

The petroglyphs could be as much as 14,800 years old, said Larry Benson, a geochemist who used radiocarbon testing to date the etchings and was the lead author of the research paper.

ACROSS THE NATION

UPS jet crashes near Birmingham airport, 2 dead

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—A UPS cargo plane crashed into a field near the Birmingham airport Wednesday, killing two pilots and scattering wreckage over a wide rural area moments after witnesses heard the massive jet coming in at treetop level. People living near the airfield reported seeing flames coming from the aircraft and hearing its engines struggle in the final moments before impact. The plane, an A300 that had departed from Louisville, Ky., went down around daybreak about a half-mile from Birmingham-Shuttlesworth Airport. It broke into several pieces and caught fire. The pilot and co-pilot were the only people aboard.

Experts: Fort Hood victims shot while lying down

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP)—At least four people killed during a gunman's rampage at Fort Hood in 2009 were likely shot while lying on the floor inside a building at the Texas military base, experts testified Wednesday during the accused shooter's trial. Pathologists who conducted several autopsies of the victims described the wounds caused by an FN 5.7 semi-automatic pistol while testifying at the military trial of Maj. Nidal Hasan. He is accused of killing 13 people and wounding more than 30 others during the attack.

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NOTICE OF AUCTION

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), as auctioneer and seller, hereby gives notice that all the rights, title and interests of NMHC in and to the following described real property will be sold at auction:

LOT NO.:006 T 18	SAN JOSE VILLAGE TINIAN	MINIMUM BID :	$	56,219.36
LOT NO.:006 T 201	SAN JOSE VILALGE, TINAIN	MINIMUM BID :	$	56,044.39

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at NMHC's conference room, Garapan, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. on August 26, 2013, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Minimum Bid. The minimum acceptable bid for each property shall be $(please see above).
2. Reserve. The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of NMHC as Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, NMHC shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
   a. To withdraw any property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
   b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c. To reject any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director, NMHC, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-6866; Facsimile: 234-9021; or to Law Office of Vicente T. Salas, P.O. Box 501309, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
5. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale by cash, cashier's check or credit card (Visa or Master card). The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will automatically revert to NMHC.
6. Change of Terms. NMHC reserves the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. The interests of NMHC in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property or any related documents will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.
8. Lease with Option to Purchase. NMHC gives notice that it will also consider bids or offers to lease the property, subject to the following additional terms and conditions:
   a. The Lease Price bid shall not be less than the listed Minimum Bid price.
   b. An up-front payment of ten percent (10%) of the Lease Price must be paid upon award by cash, cashier's check or credit card (Visa or Master card).
   c. The balance of the Lease Price shall accrue interest at six percent (6%) per annum.
   d. Monthly payments of the Lease will be considered rental payments only and not installments toward purchase and shall not grant the lessee any equity or ownership interest in the property or be construed in any way to encumber NMHC's rights, title and interest in the property beyond the granting of a lease for a specific term of years.
   e. Maximum acceptable Lease term shall be thirty (30) years.
   f. A lease agreement will be given upon receipt of the up-front payment and shall include:
      i. No alterations or improvements without the prior written consent of NMHC.
      ii. Lessee to insure property and improvements during the Lease term.
      iii. Lessee responsible for all utilities and other charges associated with the property.
      iv. Lease not to be assigned or mortgaged without prior written consent of NMHC.
      v. Failure to make a monthly payment grounds for termination and eviction.
      vi. Lease may, at the request of lessee, contain an Option to Purchase provision exercisable upon: (A) payment in full of the Lease Price; (B) the Lease not having been declared to be in default; and (C) payment of $100.00 option consideration. If the option is properly exercised, a quitclaim deed will be given.
   g. In the event of competing lease bids, greater weight will be given to the leasehold offer with the better price, shorter term and larger monthly payments.

Dated this 22nd day of July, 2013

/s/ Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
August 1, 2013

Pursuant to Public Law 18-12, Section 3, Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA), propose to issue Pension Obligation Bonds, the proceeds of which shall be used by the Government of Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), to fund the payment of the Commonwealth Government's obligation to the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund. CDA is an autonomous agency that has the statutory authority under CNMI Public Law 4-49, to issue pension obligation bonds in the CNMI.

CDA is requesting proposals from qualified firms to serve as its bond underwriter for the proposed financing. Proposals shall be submitted to:

Commonwealth Development Authority
P.O. Box 502149
Saipan, MP 96950
Email Address: administration@cda.gov.mp

no later than 4:00 p.m., September 3, 2013 Chamorro Standard Time (ChST). Copies of the RFP package may be obtained from the CDA office, CDA Building in San Jose, Saipan. Inquiries may be directed to Mr. Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director at telephone nos. 234-7145/7146/6293/6245, ext. 311. The CDA reserves the right to reject any proposal that in its sole determination is not in the best interest of the CNMI Government.

/s/ Pedro I. Itibus
Chairman, Board of Directors

Asia

40 years after Vietnam bombing, victims still fall

DONG HA, Vietnam (AP)—Nguyen Xuan Thiet knew the copper band around the base of the American bomb left over from the Vietnam War could fetch him up to a dollar at the scrap yard. So he clasped the projectile between his bare feet, and began banging with a chisel to pry out the precious metal.

It was nearly the final act of his life. The bomb exploded, tearing both legs off below the knees and four fingers. Only the quick work of a friend—who lashed tourniquets around his limbs, hurled him on the back of a motorbike and sped to a hospital—saved his life.

On Aug. 15, 1973, the United States flew its final bombing mission over Southeast Asia, ending the country's direct military involvement in the war. Forty years later, victims are still falling in one of the grimmest legacies of the conflict. Last year alone, there were at least 500 casualties in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia from unexploded bombs and other ordnance, according to activists and government databases.

The most heavily contaminated province in Vietnam is Quang Tri, where fighting between U.S. and Vietnamese forces was at its fiercest. The region is now one of the poorest in the country. The prices of steel and copper are continually rising, maintaining incentives for collectors even as much of the lightly buried scrap has already been harvested.

"Unexploded ordnance is a resource; we have to exploit it," said Thiet who after the accident in late 2011 had prosthetic limbs fitted courtesy of an American charity funded mostly by the U.S government. "If I hadn't lost my legs, I would still go out to collect scrap metal."

Collecting scrap is not illegal in Vietnam, but handling unexploded ordnance is. Many collectors say they now leave dangerous items in the field and concentrate on the tons of other war remnants like exploded bomb casing, machinery and vehicles. Scrap metal dealers also say they refuse live munitions.

In this photo taken on Wednesday, July 31, 2013, Nguyen Dinh Thu is held by his wife Le Thi Hong Mai outside their home in Dong Ha, Vietnam. Thu lost both his arms when he struck a leftover American bomb while working in his garden. AP

ASIAN BRIEFS

Typhoon weakens as churns through southern China

BEIJING (AP)—A typhoon that had shut down business in the financial center of Hong Kong and sunk a cargo ship weakened into a tropical storm as it churned through southern China on Thursday. Packing high winds and torrential rain, Typhoon Utor had forced the closure of schools, offices, shopping centers and construction sites in cities along its path northwest across Guangdong province. Yet only minor damage was reported, a result, state media said, of strict adherence to orders to confine tens of thousands of fishing boats to port and evacuate vulnerable people to shelters.

Japan marks World War II surrender anniversary

TOKYO (AP)—Japan marked the 68th anniversary of its surrender in World War II with somber ceremonies Thursday and visits by senior politicians to a shrine honoring 2.5 million war dead that remains a galling reminder of colonial and wartime aggression. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Emperor Akihito were to deliver brief messages at a commemoration ceremony. Abe appeared unlikely to visit the shrine, though at least two cabinet members were seen paying their respects in the morning. Japan has repeatedly apologized for its wartime actions, but resentments linger, nearly 70 years after Akihito's father, Emperor Hirohito, issued his proclamation surrendering to Allied forces.

India official: Divers in sub where 18 feared dead

NEW DELHI (AP)—Indian navy divers have entered a crippled submarine hit by twin explosions but have yet to reach any of the 18 sailors who are feared dead inside the vessel, a naval official said Thursday. The Russian-built submarine had also been damaged in a deadly explosion in 2010 and had only recently returned to service. The navy official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media, said water was being pumped from the flooded, diesel-powered submarine so it could be raised completely to the surface. It is currently partially submerged at a dock in a Mumbai navy base, with a portion visible above the waterline.

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

NMHC hereby publicly discloses that on August 14, 2013, Reed T. Camacho, an immediate family member of Jennifer C. Camacho of NMHC, applied for assistance under the HOME Program.

Said applicant has been determined to be a member of a group or class of low-income persons intended to be beneficiaries of the assisted activity and is applying to receive generally the same benefits being made available to the group or class. Mrs. Jennifer C. Camacho is not and shall not be involved in the handling of this loan application.

NMHC discloses this possible conflict pursuant to 24 CFR 92.356 in order to allow any interested persons to comment before the application is considered for an exception under the applicable HOME Program conflict regulations. Any comments should be submitted to NMHC on or before August 29, 2013.

Dated this 15th day of August, 2013.

/S/ JESSE S. PALACIOS
Corporate Director

PUBLIC NOTICE

Walter Penalosa
is no longer connected with
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Any transactions made by him on behalf of the company will not be accepted.

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP13-CHCC/WIC-154

SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 2013 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"LACTATION CONSULTANT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION, W.I.C. PROGRAM"

COPIES OF THE RFP PACKET MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS AND WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A BID PROPOSAL THAT DOES NOT AFFECT THE ELEMENTS OF PRICE, QUALITY, AND DELIVERY OF THE PRODUCT OR SERVICE IF IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT. ALL BID DOCUMENTS WILL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI WIC PROGRAM.

/S/ ESTHER L MUNA
CGCC INTERIM CEO

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO) will be holding a public hearing regarding Coastal Permit Application No. SMS-2013-X-031 submitted by 3M Environmental Corp. on behalf of the Tasi Homes Development, LLC,. to construct an apartment building comprised of 49 3-bedroom units within eight (8) floors, 64 parking spaces and driveway on the first floor, landscaping and sidewalk. The project site is located on lot no. 003 H 44 east of Sugar Dock in Susupe, Saipan.

The public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, August 29, 2013, at 6:30 pm at the Coastal Resources Management Office in Susupe, Saipan.

The public is invited to attend and make oral comments regarding this project. The project file is open for review and comments during business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. Written comments can be submitted to the CRM Office located in Susupe, Saipan immediately behind the Bureau of Motor Vehicle building, or mail to Coastal Resources Management Office, Caller Box 10007 or fax at 664-8315. All written and oral comments received will be made a part of the permit application record, and will be considered in any decision made concerning the proposed project.

Please contact Coastal Resources Management at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or require further information regarding this project.

/s/ANA C. AGULTO
Acting Administrator
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES

TINIAN HARBOR SEAWATER FIRE FIGHTING SYSTEM PROJECT NO. CPA-TS-001-13

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms for Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Design Services.

The general scope of work is for A/E design services for design of seawater fire-fighting system for the Tinian Harbor, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands. These services will include an assessment of the existing conditions and design of a new seawater fire-fighting system to be installed at the Tinian Harbor including plans, specifications and estimates for the anticipated repair work and improvements.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification from firms should address the areas generally described below:

1. Overall A/E design experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;
2. A/E Design experience related to CPA projects;
3. Level of proficiency in performing A/E services promptly; and level of experience with seaport projects;
4. The general reputation of the firm in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services performed for seaport projects, and the firm's professional integrity and competence; and
5. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable.

Interested firms must submit one (1) original and four (4) copies each of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, September 6, 2013**.

Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330. Only firms who have established an office in the Commonwealth and a valid business license will be considered.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to:
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/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: August 1, 2013

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COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY
SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF AUTOMOTIVE DIESEL OIL
PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-007-13

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
AMENDED

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the supply and delivery of Automotive Diesel Oil for its use at the Saipan International Airport/Seaport.

The information, scope of work and other considerations of the proposal is available beginning June 24, 2013 from 0800 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

Interest proposers must submit one original and two copies of the sealed proposal. The sealed proposals must be submitted before 4:30 p.m., August 16, 2013, to the Office of the Executive Director on the aforementioned location.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if in its opinion to do so is in CPA's best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ Maryann Q. Lizama
Acting Executive Director

World

Hundreds reported killed as Egypt smashes protests

CAIRO (AP)—In Egypt's bloodiest day since the Arab Spring began, riot police Wednesday smashed two protest camps of supporters of the deposed Islamist president, touching off street violence that officials said killed nearly 300 people and forced the military-backed interim leaders to impose a state of emergency and curfew.

The crackdown drew widespread condemnation from the Muslim world and the West, including the U.S., and Nobel Peace Prize winner Mohamed ElBaradei resigned as the interim vice president in protest—a blow to the new leadership's credibility with the pro-reform movement.

"Today was a difficult day," interim Prime Minister Hazem el-Beblawi said in a televised address to the nation. While he regretted the bloodshed, he offered no apologies for moving against the supporters of ousted President Mohammed Morsi, saying they were given ample warnings to leave and he had tried foreign mediation efforts.

The leaders of Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood called it a "massacre." Several of them were detained as police swept through the two sit-in sites, scores of other Islamists were taken into custody, and the future of the once-banned movement was uncertain.

Backed by helicopters, police fired tear gas and used armored bulldozers to plow into the barricades at the two protest camps in different sections of Cairo where the Morsi supporters had been camped since before he was ousted by the military July 3.

Army troops did not take part in the two operations, which began shortly after 7 a.m. (0500 GMT—1 a.m. EDT), although they provided security at the locations.

The smaller camp—near Cairo University in Giza—was cleared of protesters relatively quickly, most taking refuge in the nearby Orman botanical gardens, on the campus of Cairo University and the zoo.

But it took about 12 hours for police to take control of the main sit-in site near the Rabaah al-Adawiya Mosque in Nasr City that has served as the epicenter of the pro-Morsi campaign and had drawn chanting throngs of men, women and children only days earlier.

After the police moved on the camps, street battles broke out in Cairo and other cities across Egypt. Government buildings and police stations were attacked, roads were blocked, and Christian churches were torched, Interior Minister Mohammed Ibrahim said.

At one point, protesters trapped a police Humvee on an overpass near the Nasr City camp and pushed it off, according to images posted on social networking sites that showed an injured policeman on the ground below, near a pool of blood and the overturned vehicle.

The Health Ministry said 235 civilians were killed and more than 2,000 injured, while Ibrahim said 43 policemen died in the violence. The death toll was expected to rise.

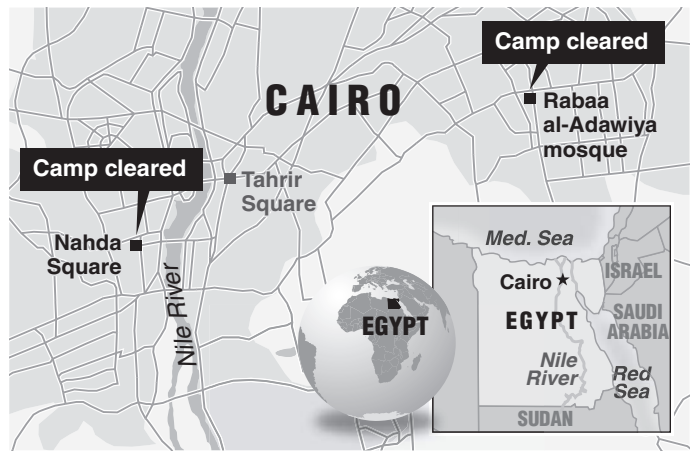
Three journalists were among the dead: Mick Deane, 61, a cameraman for British broadcaster Sky News; Habiba Ahmed Abd Elaziz, 26, a reporter for the Gulf News, a state-backed newspaper in the United Arab Emirates; and Ahmed Abdel Gawad, who wrote for Egypt's state-run newspaper Al Akhbar. Deane and Elaziz were shot to death, their employers said, while the Egyptian Press Syndicate, a journalists' union, said it had no information on how Gawad was killed.

AP

Supporters of ousted Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi run from Egyptian security forces firing towards them during clashes in Cairo's Nasr City district, Egypt, Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2013.

Protest camps cleared

Security forces have stormed two protest camps occupied by supporters of deposed president Mohammed Morsi with reports of many killed.



July 3 Morsi deposed by military after mass protests

July 4 Pro-Morsi protesters gather at Rabaa al-Adawiya, Nahda sites

July 8 At least 51 die in clashed near Presidential Guard barracks

July 27 More than 70 killed in clashes at Rabaa al-Adawiya camp

August 11 Security forces threaten to clear sit-ins; operation postponed

Source: ESRI, BBC Graphic: Melina Yingling © 2013 MCT

WORLD BRIEFS

Israelis, Palestinians kick off peace talks

JERUSALEM (AP)—With tensions high and expectations low, Israeli and Palestinian negotiators kicked off their first substantive round of peace talks in nearly five years, huddling together at an undisclosed location Wednesday in search of an end to decades of conflict. The meeting was cloaked in secrecy, an attempt by both sides to prevent leaks to the media and maintain trust. Officials would say only that the talks took place in Jerusalem, and there was no immediate comment from either side. The Israeli government released a brief video showing the chief negotiators shaking hands as the talks continued into the evening. Ahead of the meeting, there already were signs of trouble. A new Israeli push to build hundreds of new homes in Jewish settlements and fresh fighting in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip underscored the tough road ahead.

Video shows isolated Indian tribe in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—A newly released video captures the first fleeting images of an indigenous tribe living in Brazil's Amazon jungle that is thought to have had very little contact with the outside world. The images show several members of the Kawahiva tribe walking through dense foliage. Naked men carry bows and arrows, and a woman totes a child on her back. The woman runs away after noticing the camera, and one man briefly doubles back to investigate. Loggers first reported the existence of the Kawahiva in 1999. A reservation was created last year in the western state of Mato Grosso, but members of the tribe still face grave threats from loggers and farmers. The video was shot in 2011 by the government's agency overseeing indigenous matters, but was only released on Wednesday.

Death and Funeral Announcement

†Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero Manalo

Lovingly known as "Larry"

Born to life on July 08, 1950 and was called to
his Eternal rest on August 09, 2013
at the age of 63

In His New Life, He Now Joins His:
Father: Juan Materne Manalo
Mother: Ana Deleon Guerrero Manalo

His Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts of His:
Wife: Min Ling Manalo
Children: John Ed F. Manalo,
Larry Jay F. Manalo

Brothers, Sisters and Spouses:
Trinidad M. and †Roberto Sn. Babauta
Ignacio A. Manalo
Jose A. and Teresita R. Manalo
†Maria A. Manalo
†Juan DLG. Manalo
†Ana M. and †Antonio C. Cabrera
Roberto DLG. and Elizabeth V. Manalo
Dolores M. and †Jose DLG. Diaz
Pedro DLG. and Bernadita C. Manalo

Reared Children: Judith F. Santos, Kenneth F. Viray, James Dai

Godfathers: Jesus Sablan, Juan S. Tenorio (Santiago)

Godmother: Rosa Reyes Agulto, Ana S. Teregeyo

He is also survived by numerous Uncles, Aunties, Cousins, Nephews, Nieces, Godchildren and Friends.

Daily Mass of Intention is being offered at
Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 6:00AM.

On Monday, August 19, 2013 at 7:30AM our beloved's body will be escorted from CHC to Mt. Carmel Cathedral for viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00AM followed immediately by Interment Service at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase – Thank You

From the Wife, Children and Family

Off the Wall

All-boys club: Michigan couple welcomes 12th son

DETROIT (AP)—A western Michigan family welcomed their 12th child. And, shocker, it's a boy—just like the other 11.

Jay and Kateri Schwandt of Rockford believed the latest baby might break the gender streak, especially after Kateri, known as Teri, was nine days past her due date. That was unusual for her pregnancies. But as it turned out, it was hardly a game-changer as a nurse at a Grand Rapids hospital announced delivery of another boy.

Tucker was 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

"Of course. There was a chuckle in the whole room," Teri, 38, said told The Associated Press on Thursday. "I looked at my husband, and we exchanged a knowing smile. When they say it's a boy, I think, OK, no problem. I've got this. We know what we're doing."

AP

In this Aug. 6, 2013, photo, the 12 Schwandt brothers pose for a photo in their home in Rockford, Mich.

Tyler is the oldest son at 21. When the school year starts, three Schwandt boys will be in high school, while five brothers are in lower grades. That leaves three more at home with Teri.

The Schwandts, who live north of Grand Rapids, consider themselves devout Roman Catholics who don't believe in using birth control and put the size of their family in God's hands. Teri comes from a family of 14 kids. But she's not the only member of her own family committed to the cause.

She has a sister in the Detroit area, Kate Osberger, who has 10 children of her own. Yep, all sons.

"That's amazing. This is a miracle," said Dr. Bob Barbieri, who researches fertility issues and is chairman of obstetrics and gynecology at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. "It appears there is some type of genetic determination in some families that have a lot of girls or a lot of boys. It's not well understood. It's more than a statistical oddity."

A large brood brings many challenges, regardless of gender.

Daily trips to the grocery store and usually a weekly stop at a warehouse store when possible. School lunches can mean going through an entire loaf of bread each day. The Schwandts have a 15-passenger van—"the big bus"—that carries the clan to family gatherings and Sunday Mass. It helps that some boys are old enough to drive.

"I'll call and say I'm stuck. I need you to pick up Wesley from preschool," Teri said. "There aren't too many kids who get to know the preschool teacher."

At home, half of the 12 sleep in two bedrooms with bunk beds. Teri has a rule of no more than one pair of shoes for each kid in the entryway. Once the boys hit sixth grade, they do their own laundry.

"Someone's responsible for unloading the dishwasher and loading it. Someone vacuums the stairs," said Jay, 39, who has a land surveying business. "We heat the house with wood. We're cutting wood, hauling it and stacking it. They may not like it but they know they need to pitch in."

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Billboards give wrong date for Detroit election

DETROIT (AP)—Billboards promoting Detroit's upcoming general election offered up some erroneous information about when to go to the polls. The Detroit Free Press reports that many of the 14 billboards gave a September date for the election. The vote will actually take place Nov. 5. City Clerk Janice Winfrey says the billboards were updated Saturday with information about the general election, and she calls the September date "a mistake" by the business that handles the billboards. Winfrey says she noticed the error and was angry. Winfrey says she was told all the billboards would be fixed by Tuesday.

Central Pa. farmer's corn crop yields 4-headed ear

HANOVER, Pa. (AP)—When farmer Ben Klunk tells people about the mutant corn he found, they're all ears. Klunk said Wednesday he discovered an ear of sweet corn with four heads on his central Pennsylvania farm and has been keeping it in his refrigerator. Klunk said that when he pulled the corn out of the crop he initially thought there was mud holding it together, but his wife said that wasn't the case. "It started out as one," Marie Klunk said, "and then it split, and then another one split." The farmer, who's 81, said he's never seen corn multiply in such a way: He'd never found a double- or triple-headed ear of corn, let alone a quadruple one.

We have lost someone we loved……

†Edward Pangelinan

Thank You and Si Yu'us Ma'ase

There are no words adequate enough to describe the pain the sense of loss that is felt upon the death of a loved one. Yet, in this time of loss, the prayers, kind words, and gracious support of family and friends have eased our sorrows and have become a source of strength. Your presence and prayers at the nightly rosaries and most especially at the Mass of Christian Burial were very comforting.

Our special thanks go out to Fr. Isidro Ogumoro, the San Jose Church choir and the altar servers. Our appreciation also is extended to the Priority Care staff, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation and the Tinian Healthcare staff. We also extend our appreciation to the Tinian Mayor's Office, the Liaison staff, the Tinian Municipal Council, the Department of Public Safety, Fire Division and Care Club. A special appreciation goes out to Mr. & Mrs. James and MaryAnne Reyes, SN-5 Shipping Company and especially to our techa Mrs. Rosa Aquiningoc. We would also like to thank all our relatives and friends who came from the other islands to join us.

Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will be remembered always. May our loving and kind Lord richly bless all of you and keep you in his heart.

Thank you and Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Ana Pangelinan Cruz and family

A friendly smile,
a casual touch.
These are the things
that mean so much.

To know you are with us
in our time of sorrow.
Sharing our prayers,
today and tomorrow.

God gives us comfort
in the form of good friends.
May His peace be with you.
His love never ends.

In Celebration of Her New Life

Carmen Camacho Atalig

Born to life on July 16, 1942 and was called to
her Eternal rest on August 11, 2013
at the age of 71

In Her New Life, She Now Joins Her:
Husband: Angel Dela Cruz Atalig
Father: Jose Castro Camacho
Mother: Veronica Lizama Camacho
Sister: Maria Lizama Camacho
Son In-Law: Rudolpho M. King
Grandson: Robert Atalig Tudela
Nieces: Magdalena C. Songao, Laura Apatang Borja
Father In-Law: Juan Lizama Atalig
Mother In-Law: Guadalupe DLC. Evangelista
Stepfather In-Law: Sylvestre Reyes Evangelista
Sister In-Laws: Ana Atalig Masga/Mateo, Angelica DLC. Atalig, Priana DLC. Atalig, Francisca DLC. Atalig, Dolores Q. Atalig
Brother In-Laws: Maria Atalig Apatang/Manuel, Guillermo DLC. Atalig, Joaquin L. Atalig

Her Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts of Her:
Children/Spouses, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren:
Josephine C. & Ray Basa (Rodney and children, Rowena and children, Lora and children, Juan Jr. & Jadine, Ignatia & Francisco Jr and children)
Cynthia A. & Francisco Tudela (Aldibert, Randy & Connie and children, Angelo and children, Sydney and children, Perry & Jolyn, Robert Dee)
Joseph A. & Melinda Aguon (Jenny & Sam and children, Jolynn & David and children, Yvette & Jesse and children, Antonette & Manny and children, Joseph Jr., Joemel)
Angelica A. & Anthony Pablo (Abigail & Teddy and children, Zachary, Rudolpho, Jeremy)
Richard A. & Jessamine Igitol (Chad Joseph & Kaylynn and children, Sasha & Jesse and child, Richard Jr., DeAna)

Brothers, Sisters and In-Laws:
Margarita C. & Estanislao Songao and children, Robert Allen & Annie Lizama and children, Barbara DLC. Evangelista & Juan Barcinas and children, Jose DLC. & Winnifreda Atalig and children, Martin DLC. Atalig and children, Gabriel DLC. & Mitsue Evangelista and children

She is also survived by numerous Uncles, Aunties, Cousins, Nephews, Nieces, Godchildren and friends.

Daily Mass of Intention is being offered at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00AM.
Nightly Rosary is being said at 8:00PM at the family residence in San Roque.

On Monday, August 19, 2013 at 7:30AM our beloved's body will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home to the family residence in San Roque for viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00AM at San Roque Church followed by Interment Service at the San Roque Cemetery.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase – Thank You
The Family

Science & Technology

Google Glass sees all—and that raises privacy concerns

By JESSICA GUYNN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

SAN FRANCISCO—On a recent afternoon, Homer Gaines hiked with girlfriend Tami Stillwell to the gusty peak of Angel Island in the San Francisco Bay, bent down on one knee and slipped a topaz and white-sapphire ring on her finger, capturing the entire marriage proposal on a computerized device that he was wearing like a pair of glasses.

Gaines, a 41-year-old Web developer from Fort Myers, Fla., is one of 10,000 "explorers" testing Glass, the much talked about hands-free wearable computing device from Google that lets users take photos and videos, make phone calls, send and receive text messages, search the Internet and get turn-by-turn directions.

"I would not have been able to pull off that level of spontaneity with any other device and instantly share it with the world," Gaines said. "Glass gave me the ability to share with everyone that special moment from my point of view—the surprise on her face, the way she jumped around, the ring on her finger and the tears of joy in her eyes."

AP

In this July 31, 2013, photo, Associated Press reporter Michael Liedtke models Google glass at a Google base camp in San Francisco.

Glass won't be widely available for purchase until early next year, but it's one of the most anticipated new technologies in years. The question many are asking: Can Google make digital goggles the world's next must-have gadget?

As Google sees it, Glass is a revolutionary new way to quickly and effortlessly connect people with information.

Critics view Glass as an invasive new technology that—if it takes off—could rob people of what few shreds of privacy they have left.

Lawmakers are alarmed by the privacy implications and have begun asking pointed questions of Google. And some commercial establishments—most notably casinos and bars—have already banned Glass.

Google is downplaying the privacy and security risks, assuring the public that it will not permit facial recognition apps (or porn apps, for that matter). Google says it's obvious when someone is taking pictures or recording a video on Glass.

But some developers have already built a way to get around Google: an alternative operating system that runs on Glass but is not controlled by Google. One developer is making a facial recognition app that will help users remember the hundreds of people they have met and should recognize but don't.

That in-your-face quality of Glass could wake up more people to their ever shrinking privacy in the rapidly advancing digital age, University of Washington law professor Ryan Calo said.

Not only will people be more keenly aware that they have no reasonable expectation of privacy in public, Glass and devices like it could make it easier for government authorities to gain access to everything they see and record without a warrant, he said.

And, with a warrant, the government might even be able to remotely turn on Glass' video recording capability without the user's knowledge, the way it has done with OnStar systems in cars, Calo said.

To counter that kind of growing apprehension, Google is trying to make the new technology seem as normal as possible.

Google co-founder Sergey Brin constantly has a pair perched on his nose. He has worn Glass to the Oscars, to the TED conference, in the Hollywood film "The Internship," and last year he stole the show at Google's annual developers conference by wearing Glass.

His cohort, Google Chief Executive and co-founder Larry Page, recently sported a pair as a groomsman in a wedding ceremony in Croatia. And he talked up Glass as the future of technology during Google's second-quarter earnings conference call with analysts.

Still, even inside the high-tech industry, some aren't too keen on Glass. Los Angeles technology entrepreneur and investor Jason Calacanis has asked friends to remove Glass in his presence, banned Glass from poker games and coined a new term to describe what he feels like doing when he spots Glass wearers: "Glass-kicking."

And Glass hasn't been able to ditch what could be its true Achilles' heel: its dorky image. Labeled "Segway for your face," it has become the butt of jokes on late-night television and on the Internet. Not only have Glass wearers been subjected to public ridicule for looking "glassed out," they are referred to as a cross between Glass and a curse word.

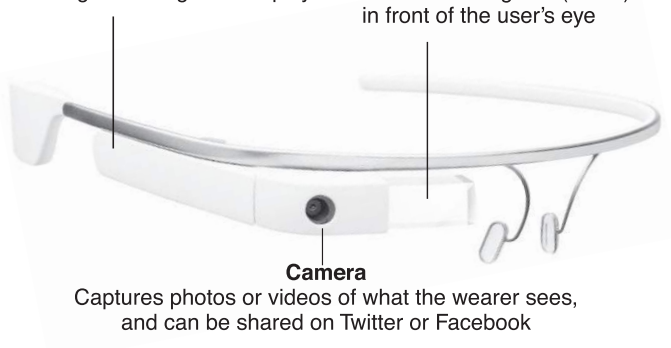
Google is the first to admit that Glass is not quite ready for prime time, with widely reported glitches. The battery drains quickly (but also charges quickly). The capabilities are still very limited, with only a smattering of apps such as Twitter, Facebook and Tumblr.

How Google Glass works

Google Glass is a headset that sits above the eyes and contains a tiny computer. A person wearing Glass can use it to take a picture, send an email or get directions.

Touchpad
Allows wearer to tap and swipe to navigate through the display

Transparent overlay
Appears as a 25-in. (63.5-cm) monitor floating 8 ft. (2.4 m) in front of the user's eye



Camera
Captures photos or videos of what the wearer sees, and can be shared on Twitter or Facebook

Source: Google
Graphic: Los Angeles Times

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Microsoft sets Oct. 17 release for Windows 8.1

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Consumers waiting for Microsoft's revamped version of its latest Windows operating system will be able to get the software beginning Oct. 17.

The release date for Windows 8.1 is nearly a year after the debut of Windows 8, a dramatic overhaul of the operating system that has been powering most personal computers for decades.

Microsoft Corp. unveiled its plans for Windows 8.1 three months ago, but hadn't set a release date until Wednesday. At test version of Windows 8.1 that may still include some bugs has been available since late June.

Windows 8 represented Microsoft's attempt to create an operating system that works well on tablet computers, as well as on laptop and desktop machines.

But the overhaul confused and frustrated many people, resulting in disappointing sales of devices running on Windows 8. One research firm, International Data Corp., has even blamed Windows 8 for deepening the slump in PC sales as more people rely on smartphones and tablets to connect to the Internet.

Microsoft, which is based in Redmond, Wash., also absorbed a $900 million charge to its most recent quarterly earnings to account for its expected losses from a company-produced tablet, called Surface, which relies on a slimmed-down version of Windows 8.

Windows 8.1 is Microsoft's attempt to make the operating system easier and more appealing to use. It will be available as a free update to owners of Windows 8 machines.

The first laptops and PCs featuring Windows 8.1 already installed are scheduled to go on sale Oct. 18.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, Plaintiff, -v- **JOHN HENRY I. TAGABUEL and MICHELLE T. IGINOEF, aka MICHELLE MARIA I. TAGABUEL,** Defendants.	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 12-0302** **NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on July 30, 2013, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 010 K 77, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 901 square meters, more or less, as more particularly shown on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 010 K 01,the original of which was recorded August 19, 1987, as file No. 87-2911, at the office of the Commonwealth Recorder.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, September 13, 2013, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 6th day of August, 2013:

/s/MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS RETIREMEND FUND, Plaintiff, **vs.** **NICOLAS MAREHAM NEKAI and BERNADITA MANGLONA ATALIG** Defendants.	**CIVIL ACTION NO.: 13-0111** **SUMMONS**

TO : BERNADITA MANGLONA ATALIG

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file with the Superior Court any Answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication, and to deliver or mail a copy of your Answer to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Second Floor, D'Torres Building, Garapan, P. O. Box 504340, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your Answer.

Your Answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By Order of the above Court:

DATED, this 1st day of August, 2013.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT 3rd Publication

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Ezeth Smith Petitioner, **vs** **Calvin Smith,** Respondent,	**FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0305** **SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of our answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 10005 PMB 207 Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief in the complaint.

DATED, this 3rd day of July, 2013:

/s/Clerk of Court

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PRO SE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In The Matter of The Appointment of Perry M. Iguel as Guardianship of the Estate: L. J. I. and A. J. I Minor Childlren, **by:** **Perry Magofna Iguel** Petitioner	**FCD AD CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0359** **NOTICE OF HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Guardian for the estate of the above-named minor children by Perry Iguel, Petitioner, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court. A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will be held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Superior Court before the Assignment Judge Kenneth L. Govendo on the 16th day of September, 2013 at 10:30 A.M. or as soon as thereafter.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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PRO SE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Petition for the Change of Name of: Henry K. Rabauliman Petitioner	**FCD CN CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0387** **NOTICE OF HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on August 29, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 202A, before Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja.

Dated this 15th day of August, 2013.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

Life & Style

15 years later, Oprah is back in the movies

NEW YORK (AP)—The day before Oprah Winfrey began shooting "Lee Daniels' The Butler," she was at the White House, talking to the president.

Her access to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue (this particular trip was for a 2012 campaign interview) is considerably greater than her character's in the film. She plays Gloria Gaines, the wife of a long-serving White House butler (Forest Whitaker), whose service spans seven presidents and decades of civil rights sea changes.

"They said, 'Do you want to talk to some butlers?'" Winfrey recalled in a recent interview. "I said, 'No. You got some butlers' wives? I'll talk to them.'"

It was 15 years ago the last time Winfrey was on the big screen, in the 1998 adaptation of Toni Morrison's novel, "Beloved," produced by Winfrey's Harpo Productions. In the time since, she's been slightly busy. "The Oprah Winfrey Show" grew into an enormous cultural force. Her work on the side in film (most memorably in Steven Spielberg's "The Color Purple," for which she received an Oscar nomination) took a back seat to being a television icon and an entrepreneur.

"I would only give my time to something that really mattered to me," she says. "I'm not interested in being in the movies for movies' sake."

But Daniels was persistent. He had sought Winfrey for the role Macy Gray ended up playing in 2009's "Precious" (Winfrey became a producer) and several other projects.

AP

In this Aug. 12, 2013 file photo, Forest Whitaker, left, and Oprah Winfrey arrive at the premiere of "Lee Daniels' The Butler" in Los Angeles. The film opens nationwide on Friday.

"It was hard," Daniels says of the pursuit. "I was looking for something to do with her, and I kept telling her: `You have got to come back to work,' because she was magnificent in `The Color Purple.' I wanted it selfishly for myself. I wanted to see her on the screen."

"I gave her a script she couldn't refuse," says Daniels of Danny Strong's screenplay. "I hooked her in. Once I got her in, it was over."

The timing was poor for Winfrey, who was then trying to get her cable network, OWN, off the ground. Though the network is now running more smoothly (it recently became profitable), the start was rocky, trying to find a programming identity and lure viewers to a new destination on the dial.

"I thought it was an important story to tell, even though I was in the midst of cra-a-a-zy business with my network," says Winfrey. "I said to Lee so many times: `Lee, Lee, Lee. I cannot do this. This is not the time for me.' He was like, `I'm doing it. I'm going ahead. And you told me, you promised me, Oprah!'"

While Winfrey was making "The Butler," she was knee-deep in running OWN: prepping shows, shopping for others and negotiating to bring Tyler Perry in as a producer (a move that's been a big factor in OWN's turnaround). But she regrets the balancing act.

"The way to do film is to take yourself out of your other life, do it, and then go back to your other life," Winfrey says. "I almost had a nervous breakdown."

"I hope something else comes along that will mean as much to me as this does, so that I would take the time and the effort to get it right," she adds. "It's work. It's no plaything."

Picking up acting again after a decade and a half wasn't easy, either, even for a seasoned show-business performer like Winfrey. She hired an acting coach (Susan Batson, who has coached Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman), she says, "because I was scared." Though OWN made for constant distractions, Winfrey otherwise reveled in acting again.

"On the days that I was in it, in it, in the character, it felt really good," she says. "It's a wonderful muscle to get to exercise again. I really do feel like that's exactly what I was doing. It's like putting away your instrument and not touching it, and then going back in and pulling it out. It felt rewarding."

The smoking and drinking Gaines is a rollicking departure for Winfrey. She's a sometimes surly housewife, flirting with an affair and overflowing with jealousy that her husband spends so much of his time wrapped up in another family's domestic life. She mocks Jackie Kennedy's shoe closet and, with in an obvious wink to audiences, begs: "You know I want to go to the White House." In one memorably scene, she dances to "Soul Train." Had Daniels had his way, the part would have included nudity—a line Winfrey refused to cross.

But Winfrey, 59, has tirelessly promoted the film. Men like Whitaker's modest, dignified character, she says "were the foundation of the African-American community."

"That is who we are," she says. "That is the heart and soul of who we are."

Film producing new passion for 'Twilight' author

NEW YORK (AP)—When Stephenie Meyer's name is mentioned, most people think of her "Twilight Saga" vampire books and films. But the author wants a new audience as a film producer.

Meyer produced "Austenland," starring Keri Russell and based on the novel by Meyer's friend Shannon Hale. The film, directed by Jerusha Hess, opens in limited release Friday.

Meyer

Although Meyer was a producer for "The Twilight Saga-Breaking Dawn" films and the movie adaptation of her novel "The Host," this is the first time she's produced someone else's work. She said in a recent interview that she got to be "a little bit more hands-on, a little more dirty" with producing duties.

"Austenland" is a romantic comedy about a single 30-something woman (Russell) obsessed with Jane Austen novels who spends her life savings to visit a British Jane Austen theme park.

"We made a lot of mistakes and we learned a lot more because we are allowed to make mistakes," Meyer said of her "Austenland" crew, adding that she was "surprised that it all worked out so well."

Meyer said she enjoyed the "collaboration" and "socialization" of producing and found a "different kind of creative outlet."

She described writing as "a very solitary thing you do in a quiet room," while producing is "something you do in a room full of people shouting all the time."

Meyer has optioned the books "Down a Dark Hall" and "Anna Dressed in Blood" for film. She said it's a coincidence that she's turning back to the supernatural world with the two young adult ghost stories. "When you find a book that you're excited about you just act first and then realize you're stuck in a pattern," she said.

Meyer wants to continue to write but isn't planning any more "Twilight" novels. She says it is "possible," but that spending so much time on them "in some ways completely burned me out on that whole world."

Jackson's ex-wife testifies about his fear of pain

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Michael Jackson's ex-wife broke into tears on Wednesday when she took the witness stand in a civil case and described the singer's fear of pain and reliance on physicians.

Debbie Rowe said the pop star trusted doctors to prescribe pain medication to him, but they sometimes tried to outdo each other while losing sight of Jackson's care.

"Michael had a very low pain tolerance and his fear of pain was incredible," Rowe said. "I think the doctors took advantage of him that way."

She said she was with Jackson when he received treatments from his longtime dermatologist Dr. Arnold Klein and from plastic surgeon Dr. Steven Hoefflin.

They would try to out-do each other, with each one prescribing different drugs while trying to persuade Jackson their recommendations were better to manage his pain, she said.

The doctors "were going back and forth the whole time, not caring about him," Rowe told jurors.

Rowe is the mother of the singer's two oldest children, Prince and Paris Jackson. She and the pop star were married from 1996 to 1999. Rowe also worked with Klein beginning in the late 1970s.

Rowe said she told another one of Jackson's doctors, Allan Metzger, that she was concerned that Klein and Hoefflin were giving the singer too many medications.

"The only physician who ever did anything, the only physician who cared for Michael was Allan Metzger," Rowe said, fighting back tears.

Rowe said Metzger arranged for two doctors to give Jackson the anesthetic propofol in Germany in 1997 when he complained that he couldn't sleep during his "HIStory" tour.

On two occasions, the doctors brought medical equipment to Jackson's hotel suite and monitored the singer while he was under the effect of the anesthetic for eight hours. The doctors warned Jackson about the dangers of using propofol, but Rowe said he disregarded the information.

"He was just more worried about not sleeping," she said. Rowe said she would not allow the singer to get similar propofol treatments for sleep issues after the use in Germany.

Jackson died from an overdose of propofol that was administered by another physician in 2009.

Rowe also described efforts to wean Jackson off the painkiller Demerol after he had surgery in 1993 to repair damage to his scalp sustained when he was burned while filming a Pepsi commercial years earlier.

She said Metzger devised a plan to treat Jackson's pain with different medications before he went on a leg of his "Dangerous" tour. Rowe lived with Jackson for three weeks to ensure he stayed on the regimen.

"At that point we were friends," Rowe said. "He wasn't a patient."

She said Jackson knew he couldn't take pain medications forever and needed a strong voice to get him off the drugs. "I'm probably one of the only people who said no to him," Rowe said.

Rowe said the plan to break Jackson's use of Demerol failed when a doctor who accompanied the singer on tour gave him the drug while overseas.

A phone message left at Klein's office was not immediately returned. An email sent to Hoefflin's former practice was returned, stating the plastic surgeon retired five years ago and no longer practiced medicine.

Rowe said Jackson respected doctors immensely because they went to school and vowed to do no harm to patients.

Katherine Jackson claims in her lawsuit that AEG Live failed to properly investigate the doctor later convicted of giving her son an overdose of propofol while he prepared for a series of comeback shows in 2009.

She sat in the front row of the courtroom and leaned forward in her seat during portions of Rowe's testimony.

AEG denies it hired Conrad Murray or bears any responsibility for the singer's death.

Marvin S. Putnam, the company's lead defense attorney, said in opening statements that the case was about Jackson's personal choices and his desire to use propofol as a sleep aid.

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ABC: Sandra Oh leaving 'Grey's Anatomy'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—ABC says "Grey's Anatomy" star Sandra Oh is leaving the medical drama after the coming season.

Shonda Rhimes, the show's creator and executive producer, said she's grateful for what she called the actress' "brilliant" work. Rhimes said "Grey's Anatomy" will savor Oh's character of Dr. Cristina Yang in the upcoming 10th season and then give her the exit she deserves.

Oh's publicist didn't respond Wednesday to requests for comment.

ABC said it intends to keep "Grey's Anatomy" on its schedule for years to come and with as many of the original cast as possible.

AP

In this Feb. 1, 2013 file photo, actress Sandra Oh arrives at the 44th Annual NAACP Image Awards at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

Others who have left the drama include Katherine Heigl and T.R. Knight.

Stars Ellen Pompeo as Dr. Meredith Grey and Patrick Dempsey as Dr. Derek "McDreamy" Shepherd have been with "Grey's Anatomy" since its 2005 debut.

Son of Monaco's Princess Caroline to wed Aug. 31

AP

In this Nov. 19, 2012 file photo, Princess Caroline of Hanover's son Andrea Casiraghi waves from the Monaco palace to the Monaco's national day ceremony.

PARIS (AP)—Monaco's palace says Andrea Casiraghi, the oldest son of Princess Caroline and second in line to the principality's throne, is to marry at the end of the month.

The Monaco palace said he would marry Colombian heiress Tatiana Santo Domingo on Aug. 31, but gave no details on the wedding. The couple have been engaged for a year and she gave birth to a son in March.

The 29-year-old Casiraghi is the nephew of Monaco's ruling sovereign, Prince Albert II, who himself ended decades of bachelorhood in 2011 when he wed South African former Olympic swimmer Charlene Wittstock.

Reality actress Allemand dies

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Gia Allemand, who was the girlfriend of NBA Pelicans player Ryan Anderson and appeared on ABC's "The Bachelor" and "Bachelor Pad," has died, her publicist said Wednesday. She was 29.

Allemand was taken Monday night to University Hospital in New Orleans after a suicide attempt, the publicist, Penelope Jean Hayes, said in a written statement.

Anderson found the actress and called 911. Allemand was taken off life support Wednesday because of "a critical loss of brain and organ function, life support was withdrawn."

Hayes said Allemand died with her "mother, boyfriend and other life-long friends by her side."

In a statement provided to the AP by Anderson, he thanked family, friends and fans for "all the love and support."

"Gia was the most beautiful person I knew inside and out and she always smiled and made everyone else around her smile," Anderson said. "She had such an amazing impact on my life and anyone that knew her was blessed. All I have left is to cherish those memories we made together and help perpetuate the many values, faith and love that we shared."

Hayes did not provide further details about how Allemand died.

Allemand, a professional ballet dancer and actress, began modeling when as a baby she did Johnson & Johnson ads and also appeared as a Gerber baby. In addition, she did modeling work for Maxim magazine.

Tom Skerritt to star in Broadway's 'Time to Kill'

NEW YORK (AP)—Tom Skerritt will make his Broadway debut in the stage adaptation of John Grisham's legal thriller "A Time to Kill."

Skerritt joins a star-studded cast that includes Sebastian Arcelus, Chike Johnson, Patrick Page, Tonya Pinkins, Fred Dalton Thompson, John Douglas Thompson and Ashley Williams. Performances will begin Sept. 28 at the John Golden Theatre. Opening night is set for Oct. 20.

Skerritt

Skerritt won an Emmy Award on the CBS drama series "Picket Fences" and his films include "Steel Magnolias," "Top Gun" and "Contact." His other TV credits include "Brothers & Sisters," "Leverage" and "Cheers." He has appeared onstage in Los Angeles and Seattle productions of the play "Love Letters" and as the Stage Manager in the Intiman Theatre production of "Our Town" directed by Bartlett Sher.

"A Time to Kill" was made into a 1996 movie starring Matthew McConaughey, Sandra Bullock and Samuel L. Jackson. It's a courtroom thriller set in Mississippi that centers on a white lawyer defending a black father who has killed the man who attacked his young daughter.

Seigenthaler to host Al-Jazeera America's top news

NEW YORK (AP)—Former NBC News anchor John Seigenthaler will host Al-Jazeera America's central nightly newscast when the network goes on the air next Tuesday.

Seigenthaler

The new network on Wednesday began filling in some of the details about what its schedule will look like. Over the past couple of months, it has announced the hiring of several U.S. television veterans for the launch.

Seigenthaler's hour-long show will air at 8 p.m. Eastern time. It will be followed by a magazine-style show anchored by Joie Chen called "America Tonight."

Ali Velshi, like Chen a CNN alum, will host a business-oriented show, "Real Money," that will air weekdays at 7 p.m. ET. Antonio Mora will host "Consider This," a talk show about current events.

"Late Night News," for which no anchor has been listed, will be a second news summary that airs at 11 p.m. ET, the beginning of prime time on the West Coast.

At 7:30 p.m. ET, the show "The Stream" is being described as a uniquely-formatted program that allows people to connect and comment on the world through social media.

Al-Jazeera America announced two Sunday night shows: "Fault Lines" will investigate the impact of politics and policies on individual communities. "TechKnow" is about scientific discoveries that are changing lives.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

London's V&A Museum acquires Vivien Leigh archive

LONDON (AP)—Britain's Victoria & Albert Museum says it has acquired the archive of "Gone With the Wind" star Vivien Leigh, including personal diaries and letters to her husband, Laurence Olivier. The London museum said Wednesday it bought the archive from Leigh's grandchildren for an undisclosed sum. The trove includes photographs, annotated film and theater scripts, and thousands of letters from Winston Churchill, Marilyn Monroe, Noel Coward and others. There are more than 200 letters exchanged with Olivier, to whom Leigh was married for 20 years. The British-born star won an Academy Award for playing iron-willed Southern belle Scarlett O'Hara in the U.S. Civil War epic "Gone With the Wind." She died of tuberculosis in 1967, aged 53. Some of the material will go on display at the museum this fall.

Larry Kramer, Frank Deford among PEN award winners

NEW YORK (AP)—Playwright Larry Kramer and sportswriter Frank Deford are among this year's winners of awards given by the PEN American Center, the literary and human rights organization. Sergio De Le Pava, author of "A Naked Singularity," has received a $25,000 prize for the best debut novel. Katherine Boo's "Beyond the Beautiful Foreverers" is cited for best nonfiction and Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Robert Hass' "What Light Can Do" for best essay collection. Boo and Hass each will receive $10,000. Also Wednesday, Kramer was named a master dramatist and received $7,500, while Deford was honored with a $5,000 prize for lifetime achievement.

Worker dreams of trading a cubicle for a classroom

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I am 39 and have been at my job for 15 years. I don't enjoy it and haven't since day one. The work is stressful and doesn't bring me one single ounce of gratification.

I have always wanted to be an elementary school teacher, but now I'm afraid that ship has sailed. I'm currently back in college for business (my job helps to pay my tuition) and feel like I'm not being fair to myself. I don't like finance, and I was never good at math. I get paid well and am well-invested in my retirement plan, but I'm miserable every minute I must sit in my little cubicle. I consider it my jail cell.

I need advice on where to take my career because I'm not getting any younger. Or is it too late?

OVER THE HILL IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR O.T.H.: You are not incarcerated, and you are only as trapped as you choose to make yourself. Most colleges have career counseling services, and you should avail yourself of them.

If teaching children is your heart's desire, you will have to take the time to prepare for it, know ahead of time what opportunities are available and what the compensation is. Make it your business to find out before making any drastic changes. You'll be glad you did.

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DEAR ABBY: I fervently want to help my daughter and her father (my ex) fix their relationship. They are both a lot alike—bullheaded and stubborn. They can't see how much they hurt each other.

My daughter feels he has chosen his "new" family (wife and stepchildren) over her because she isn't invited to family game nights, dinners out, etc.

He feels she doesn't appreciate what he does for her.

She's expecting a baby (our first grandchild) in December, and I think they should try to mend fences before the birth occurs. We lost our son (her brother) three years ago, and I know this figures into the family dynamic as well. I just don't want to see them hurt each other anymore. Can you help me fix this?

ANXIOUS IN COLORADO

DEAR ANXIOUS: I wish you had clarified what your ex "does" do for his daughter, because from your description it appears he has done the minimum and little else. Having been excluded from "family game nights and dinners out," it's natural that she would feel her father made a new family and left her in the dust.

While I admire your impulse to be the peacemaker, I don't think you can fix this. Family counseling might be able to mend the rift, but only if all parties are willing.

■ ■ ■

DEAR ABBY: My wife died on my birthday a few years back. It was the most traumatic thing that has ever happened to me, and my birthday has been depressing since.

Every year, people continue to send cards and gifts, wishing me a happy birthday. All I want to do on that miserable day is get through it. It will never be "happy" for me again. Ever.

I don't want to be nasty to these well-meaning people, but I really do want them to stop. How can I convey that my birthday is not a happy occasion anymore?

PARTY POOPER IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR PARTY POOPER: I am sorry for your loss. A way to ensure your message gets across would be to write or call these well-meaning individuals, thank them for their good wishes and tell them exactly what you have written to me. I think you expressed it very well.

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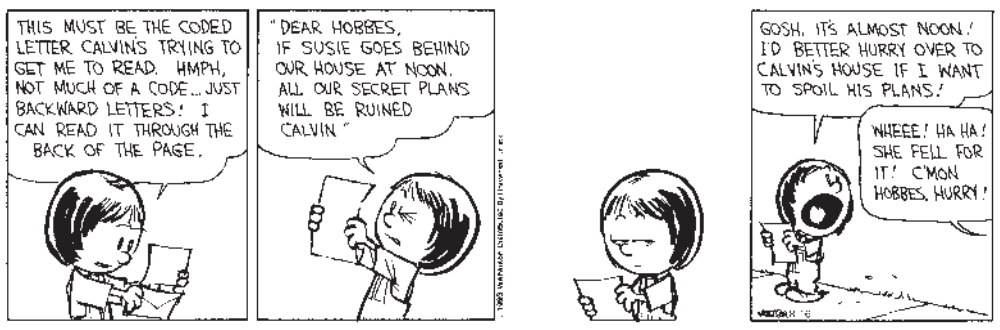
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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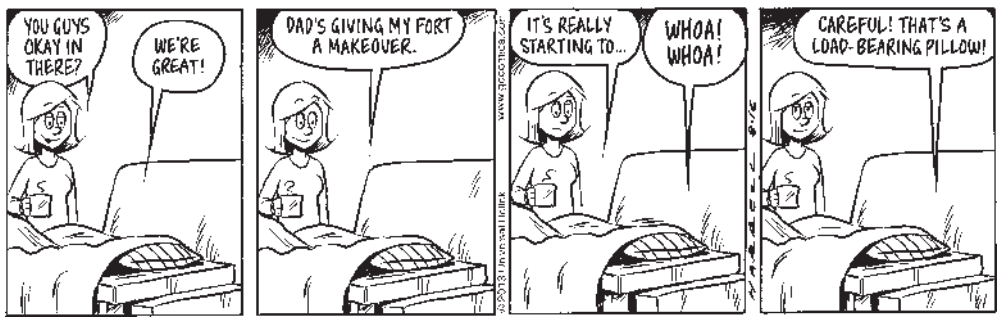
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By Glenn McCoy

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By Eugene Sheffer

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45 Jostle
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47 Elmo's orange friend
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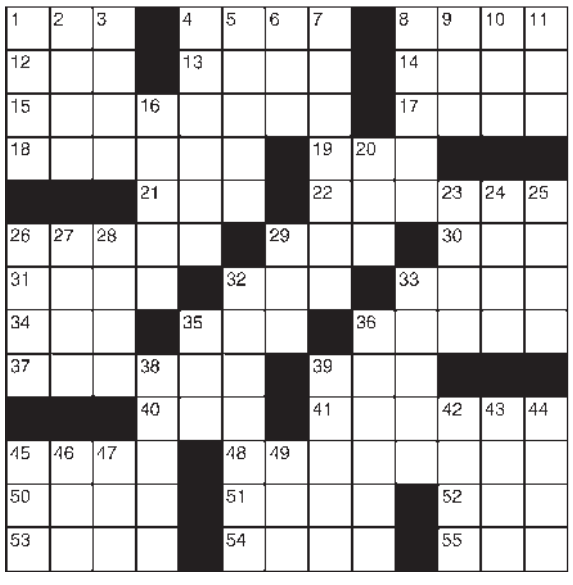

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Cam Gigandet, 31; Steve Carell, 51; Angela Bassett, 55; Madonna, 55.

Happy Birthday: Make positive plans regarding your home, family and domestic life. You will learn quickly and should put greater effort into self-improvement and honing skills that will lead to greater success. Socializing and networking will change your life in a positive way by bringing you in to contact with people who can contribute to your life personally and professionally. Your numbers are 7, 14, 17, 23, 30, 37, 43.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Work in conjunction with others. You will make an impression that will lead to interesting offers. Love is in the picture, but you must protect your emotions initially. Don't overreact or expect too much in return. Stick to a budget. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Handle discrepancies quickly and constructively. Take charge of whatever situations you face, but be willing to listen to advice or embrace solutions offered by someone with more experience in similar matters. New beginnings will lead to greater optimism. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Take care of personal matters that can improve your current situation. An emotional issue should be turned into a love-fest, not a conquest. Stick to the truth and question anyone offering something that is too good to be true. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Consider what it is you want and how to go about getting it. Focus coupled with a little imagination will lead to success. Love and romance are in the stars, and plans for an enjoyable evening should be put in place. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): A challenge or competition will motivate you. Don't limit what you can do because someone tampers with your confidence. Show initiative, and you will gain respect. Love is on the rise, and flirting with romance will improve a personal relationship. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Don't leave anything to chance. Explain your situation thoroughly and discuss the solutions you have come up with and how you want to implement them without interference. Strength and courage will lead to greater options and respect from your peers. ✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Discuss your plans and interact with people who can help you reach your goals. Volunteer your services, and you will meet someone unusual who has something to offer you in return. Enjoy spending time with your friends or lover. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Create a workspace at home that will inspire you to complete original ideas, plans or concepts. Working from home will increase your potential to bring in more money. A change in the way you do things will pay off. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Do your best and reflect on the past to help you make the little or additions that will differentiate you from any competition you encounter. A move or short trip will rejuvenate you as well as motivate you to do more. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Look at the facts and figures before making a hasty decision. Being exact is necessary. There is no room for error. Your position can take a positive or negative turn depending on the way you present what you have to offer. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Participation will be your ticket to bigger and better opportunities. Lending a helping hand will encourage new friendships and better partnerships. Good fortune will come through the connections you make. Love is highlighted, and a romantic evening should be planned. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Get involved in activities that allow you to show your talents, skills and generosity. The more established, consistent and stable traits you portray, the more enticing you will be to someone who has exactly what you need to advance. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are charming, charismatic and courageous. You are colorful and entertaining.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

				1	5		6	
					4	1		8
			7				3	
		9					7	2
6				2				4
8	7					5		
	5				2			
4		1	8					
	9		1	3				

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 8/16

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

5	7	2	1	4	8	3	9	6
1	8	9	3	5	6	4	2	7
4	3	6	2	7	9	5	1	8
6	9	5	8	3	1	7	4	2
2	4	7	9	6	5	8	3	1
8	1	3	7	2	4	6	5	9
7	2	1	4	8	3	9	6	5
3	5	8	6	9	2	1	7	4
9	6	4	5	1	7	2	8	3

Difficulty Level ★★★ 8/15

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

ESTHER WILLIAMS (1921-2013) **Solution: 12 letters**

B	S	M	C	U	N	D	E	R	W	A	T	E	R	A
E	U	U	A	C	T	I	V	E	I	W	E	E	Q	A
N	S	S	L	C	U	S	A	M	F	O	R	D	C	Q
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M	R	A	O	B	E	I	E	W	P	N	E	R	E	C
I	E	L	R	M	R	S	S	S	E	M	R	D	G	A
N	H	Ⓔ	Ⓝ	Ⓐ	Ⓙ	E	S	E	S	G	Y	A	O	D
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T	A	I	C	L	L	A	B	M	I	K	G	N	A	Y
S	L	L	E	L	Y	T	S	E	E	R	F	I	L	M
Y	L	F	R	E	T	T	U	B	I	L	L	Y	B	S

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Yesterday's Answer: Inherited

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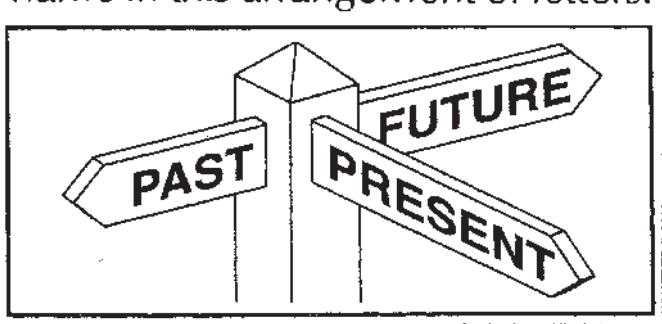

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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Interested qualified applicants can submit their resume and latest police clearance via e-mail to saipan@aicconstruction.com or mail to AIC Marianas, Inc., PMB 564 PPP Box 10000, Saipan, MP 96950.
Closing date: August 22, 2013.

Full time position available for our Saipan branch. Applicant must have good knowledge of personal computers. Position involves installing software, diagnosing common problems and also includes customer service. We can train the right applicant!

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Requirements:
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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
Century Tours, Inc. is inviting qualified U.S. workers to fill the following positions:

Reservation Supervisor (01)

Job Duties: Assists in managing all staff in the Reservations Department to ensure the highest standard of performance from the team. Manages all reservations and ensures that it meets requirement. Deal with all related administration and establish a close working relationship with all colleagues to ensure guest's expectations are met. Provide training and development for employees in reservation, sales techniques, company policy and procedures, and revenue management. Ensure knowledge of product, client relationships and services is maintained and communicated to all relevant personnel. Maintain effective working relationships with clients. Develop strong working relationships with all customers in order to maximize sales opportunities and generate business for the future. Works closely with Reservation Manager & other Department managers to maximize occupancy of rooms and meetings, rates, yield and average spending by implementing appropriate training and communication systems. Also evaluates sales performance and product on a regular basis in order to recognize challenges for the future. Actively seek all sales and revenue opportunities both internal and external to increase the profile of company. Ensure that billing and credit agreements are managed and controlled. Should be flexible and adaptable according to business/project adjustment. Responsible for required reports and maintaining records. Other duties as assigned.

Requirements: High school diploma and College Majors in Tourism and Travel Services Management is preferred. Previous 3-5 years work-related skill, knowledge, or experience is required. Has high attention to details. Creative and able to work with a team. Good command of computer skills (such as Microsoft Office) and internet applications. Has good negotiation and communication skills. Able to solve problems. Has public relations skills and is able to deal with emergencies. English and Chinese speaker preferred.

Cashier (01)

Job Duties: Receiving cash and checks and issuing receipt vouchers. Processes credit card payments. Collects batches by receiving checks. Delivers daily batches to accounting. Records the receipts in the cashbook on daily basis. Issues daily reports and cash counts to financial manager. Delivers checks to vendors. Handles the disbursement function. Deposits checks and hands vouchers to accounting daily. Reconciles funds and handles petty cash. Uses cashbook on daily basis. Work closely with vendors in regards to inquiries, concerns or check pick-up. Attend events such as luncheons, breakfasts and committees to collect the entrance fees. Reconciles the checkbooks. Other duties as assigned.

Requirements: High school diploma and above level certificate is preferred. Previous at least 1 year work-related skill, knowledge, or experience is required. Has high attention to details. Able to work with a team. Good knowledge of computer skills (such as Microsoft Office) and internet applications. Has good negotiation and communication skills. English and Chinese speaker preferred.

Salary will be paid and positions will be filled commensurate with qualification, work experience and ability to perform. Worksite locations are on Saipan and at all Century Tours, Inc. offices. Applications may be obtained at the Century Tours, Inc. Office at the Kanoa Resort Ground Floor located on Beach Road in Susupe, Saipan while resumes may be emailed at camille.orallo@saipan.travel. All resumes and applications must be submitted to the Human Resources Department at the Century Tours, Inc. Front Office no later than Wednesday, August 21, 2013. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

We are an Equal Employment Employer.
Women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

EMPLOYMENT

(3) Teacher - Salary $5.75p/h. 3-4 yrs experience required. Call St. Joseph Catholic School at 433-7527.

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5 - Waiter / Waitress $5.55/hr and 2 - Network & Computer Systems Administrator $10/hr. Call MTO Maintenance (Saipan), Inc. Tel. # 989-0917

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D&Q Saipan Co., Ltd is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following position:

SALES REPRESENTATIVE - HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY

A minimum of 3 years work related experience required with a successful sales record. Ideally with an Associate's Degree in Sales & Marketing plus experience in F&B/restaurant operations and menu preparation. Proficient in MS Excel, Word, Outlook. Ability to speak Mandarin, Cantonese, Japanese or Korean language will be an advantage. Must have a valid driver's license and a clean driving record. Availability to work evenings, holidays and weekends is also required.

Interested applicants must have their own reliable transportation. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Interested applicants must submit their application and/or resume at our Saipan office located in the C.T.S.I. Building, Lower Base, by August 23rd, 2013. Applications may also be sent to: mpk@dandq-international.com. The successful applicant will be required to provide a police clearance.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Open Date: 8/14/13 **Closing Date: 8/23/13**

Position: **(1) Supervisor, Dining Room**
Salary: $7.76 per hour
Job Qualification: College Graduated (2) Years Experience, Chinese Speaking.

Position: **(2) Housekeeping Cleaner**
Salary: $5.55 per hour
Job Qualification: High School Graduated / (2) Years Experience.

Position: **(1) General Maintenance**
Salary: $5.55 per hour
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For more information you may contact Mr. Juan I. Tenorio, Manager for Human Resources Department at (670) 234-6495/8 ext. 5840/2.
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Warehouse #2 - Size: 6,000sq/ft
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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEAS CALL
235-6527/28 or 285-1317

Vacancy Announcement

(1) Accounting Clerk - Atleast 2 yrs. experience. Proficient in various computer software, such as MS Excel, Word, Peach Tree & other Accounting Softwares.

Submit Applications To:
Pam Pacific Enterprises corp.
(670)235-7270

Vacancy Announcement

(5) Screen Printer -Atleast 2 yrs. experience. Knowledge in screen printing equipment & machines. Able to work flexible hours.

Submit Applications To:
Saipan Apparel Printing, LLC.
(670) 235-1680

Job Vacancy Announcements

US Eligible workers ONLY

(1) Metal & Plastic Fabrication & Finishing Worker – previous 3 years work-related skill, knowledge & experience is required.

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Or submit at Saipan Computer Services, Beach Road, Garapan
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Must be able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Job Vacancy Announcement

Job Vacancy No. 13-045 **Opening Date:** Tuesday, August 05, 2013
Closing Date: Monday, August 19, 2013

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS TECHNICIAN

DUTIES: Under the overall supervision of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) or his/her designee, the incumbent's duties and responsibilities are as follows. May supervise lower level staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staffs are trained; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations. Performs a wide variety of routine to moderate level fiscal support activities to include: verifying daily transactions processed by others; editing and posting daily transactions; preparing change fund at bank; preparing certification of completion of services; entering NSF checks; preparing billing cycles; reviewing tampered accounts; and, preparing billing adjustments. Generates, reviews and distributes reports. Maintains filing systems. Receives and responds to customer complaints. Prepares response letters to customers. Performs other duties of a similar nature or level.

LOCATION: *CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER DIVISION, **SAIPAN**.*
POSITIONS: *Six (6).*
SALARY: $17,232.00 - $23,231.50 per annum.
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: High School Diploma, or G.E.D., and three years work experience. Preferred (but not required): Experience in the hospitality industry, customer service, bookkeeping and/or fiscal support. Knowledge of: Supervisory principles; Basic bookkeeping principles; Office procedures, methods, and equipment; Keyboarding techniques; Basic mathematical concepts; Customer service principles; Banking procedures. Skill in: Monitoring and evaluating staff; Prioritizing and assigning work to staff; Providing customer service; Paying attention to detail in order to find errors; Performing basic mathematical calculations; Maintaining records; Keyboarding; Using standard office equipment; Tabulating, recording, and balancing transactions; Preparing routine reports; Using a computer and related software applications; Communication, interpersonal and writing skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. APPLICANTS MAY BE TESTED & ARE SUBJECT TO PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG SCREENING.

Drop off your CUC Employment Application at the CUC Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Otherwise, you may drop it off at the CUC Tinian or CUC Rota Administration Office.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
S.B.S INC.

(1) Cook Helper - $ 5.55/hr.
Minimum of 2 years experience in Indian Cuisine

(1) Waitress - $ 5.55/hr.
Minimum of 2 years experience.

Interested applicants may bring their resume to Taste of India Restaurant in Garapan or email it to tasteofindiasaipan@gmail.com

Medpharm has an opening for:

One (1) Biomedical Equipment Technician
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If interested, send resume to Medpharm by email to sally.cacdac@medpharmusa.net or by fax at 671-632-9000. Proof of qualifications and police clearance required within one (1) week of acceptance to hire.

Kanoa Resort
Saipan

OPERATIONS MANAGER

Our Resort is looking for a dynamic candidate with a strong and all around experience in Hotel operations. The Operations Manager shall assist the General Manager in developing and executing business plans and will be responsible for keeping a perfect coordination between all departments with focus on guest satisfaction, development of people, financial results and quality assurance.

As the Operations Manager, the responsibilities include but are not limited to:
- Assisting in the day-to-day management of the Resort and its staff, budgeting and financial management, planning, organizing and directing of all Resort services, including Front Office, (reception, concierge, reservations), Housekeeping and Engineering functions
- Writing and reviewing reports, monitoring department operations, ordering inventory, and conducting operations/service reviews
- Regular ongoing monitoring of staff to ensure the adherence to pre-established policies and procedures and find ways to address problems and improve guest services
- Daily property inspections and interaction with everyone from employees to management to guests and other stakeholders

Qualifications:
- Minimum Education: Associate's Degree preferably in Tourism, Hotel & Restaurant or Business Management
- Minimum Experience: Two years of experience in a similar role or in a high volume hospitality environment at a managerial level in Rooms Reservations and Front Office or operations
- Ability to work flexible hours including nights, weekends, and holidays
- Must possess strong leadership and communication skills. Organized, motivated, analytical and creative, as well as comfortable in directing others
- Must be proficient in various computer software applications and has a proven track record of meeting budgets, an understanding of P&L statements and cost/inventory control

Interested applicants may send their applications to hr@kanoaresort.com. Application Forms may be obtained at our Security Office located at the back wing of our Resort. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than September 13, 2013. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

Kanoa Resort is an Equal Opportunity Employer
Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUCEMENT

Position: Manager, Front Office (1)
Qualification:
- 5 years experience and training
- Knowledge in Korea, China & Japan Tourism Market preferred
- Ability to speak & write Korean, Chinese and Japanese language preferred
- Must be able to work flexible hours depending on reservation
- Must be able to communicate clearly with managers & other personnel.
- Self motivated, trustworthiness and good working ethics.
- Courteous and prompt to respond to guest request and needs.
- Knowledge of business and management principles, including customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for services, and evaluation of customer satisfaction.

Duties and responsibilities:
- Plan and direct activities such as sales promotions, coordinating with other department heads as required.
- Establish and implement departmental policies, goals, objectives, and procedures conferring with organization officials and staff members as necessary.
- Oversee activities directly related to providing services, manage and training staff, preparing work schedules and assigning specific rules.
- Observe and monitor staff performance to ensure efficient operations and adherence to facility 's policies and procedures.
- Greet, register guests and answer inquiries pertaining to hotel and golf course policies, services and resolve guest's and occupant's complaints.

Position: HVAC Technician (1)
Qualifications:
- 7 years of experience and training
- Must be able to work flexible hours as needed
- Knowledge of machines and tools, including their designs, uses, repairs and maintenance. Knowledge of relevant equipment, policies, procedures and strategies to promote effective security operations for the protection of people, data, property and institution.
- Knowledge of applying principles, techniques, procedures and equipment to the design and production of various good and services.

Duties and responsibilities:
- Analyze and solve complex problems, continuous concentrated mental and visual effort to plan and perform complex work, strong physical exertion, responsibility for cost control.
- Sustained high degree of attention required to prevent damage or waste.
- Repair, replace defective equipment, component or wiring necessary to maintain equipment and systems.
- Reassemble and test equipment following repairs.
- Tests pipe or tubing joints or connections for leaks, using pressure gauge or soap-and water solution.
- Comply with applicable standards, policies, and procedures including safety procedures and maintenance of a clean work area.
- Install, connect and adjust thermostats, humidistats and timers using hand tools.
- Inspect and test systems to verify system compliance with plans and specifications or to detect and locate malfunctions.
- Test electrical circuits or components for continuity, using electrical test equipment.

Position: Golf Pro (1)
Qualification:
- 4 years experience and training
- Ability to speak & write Korean, Chinese and Japanese language preferred
- Must be able to work flexible hours depending on reservation
- Must be able to communicate clearly with managers & other personnel.
- Self motivated, trustworthiness and good working ethics.
- Courteous and prompt to respond to guest request and needs.
- Knowledge of principles and methods for teaching and instruction for individuals and groups, meeting quality standards for services and evaluation of customer satisfaction.

Duties and responsibilities:
- Provide training direction, encouragement, motivation to prepare the golfers for games, competitive events.
- Plans, organize and conduct practice sessions.
- Provide information about facilities, explain and enforce safety rules and regulations.
- Monitor activities to ensure adherence to rules and safety procedures, or arrange for the removal of unruly patrons.
- Operate, drive and explain the use of mechanical devices or equipment on the area.
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- Adjust techniques, based on the strength and weakness of golfers.
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Position: Kitchen Helper (1)
Qualifications:
- 2 years of working experience and training
- Must be able to work flexible hours depending on reservation and functions
- Must be able to communicate clearly with managers and other personnel.
- Self motivated, trustworthiness and good working ethics.

Duties and responsibilities:
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- Maintain kitchen work areas, equipment, or utensils in clean and orderly condition.
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Source: Tom Brady sprains left knee

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)—Tom Brady walked off the field under his own power. Several teammates didn't think he was hurt badly when he grabbed his left knee after being knocked down.

Yet the possibility that the New England Patriots might lose their star quarterback caused a scare at the team's joint practice with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Wednesday.

A person with knowledge of the injury said an MRI was negative and Brady was day-to-day with a left knee sprain. Asked if Brady might play Friday night in an exhibition game against the Buccaneers, the person said he didn't know.

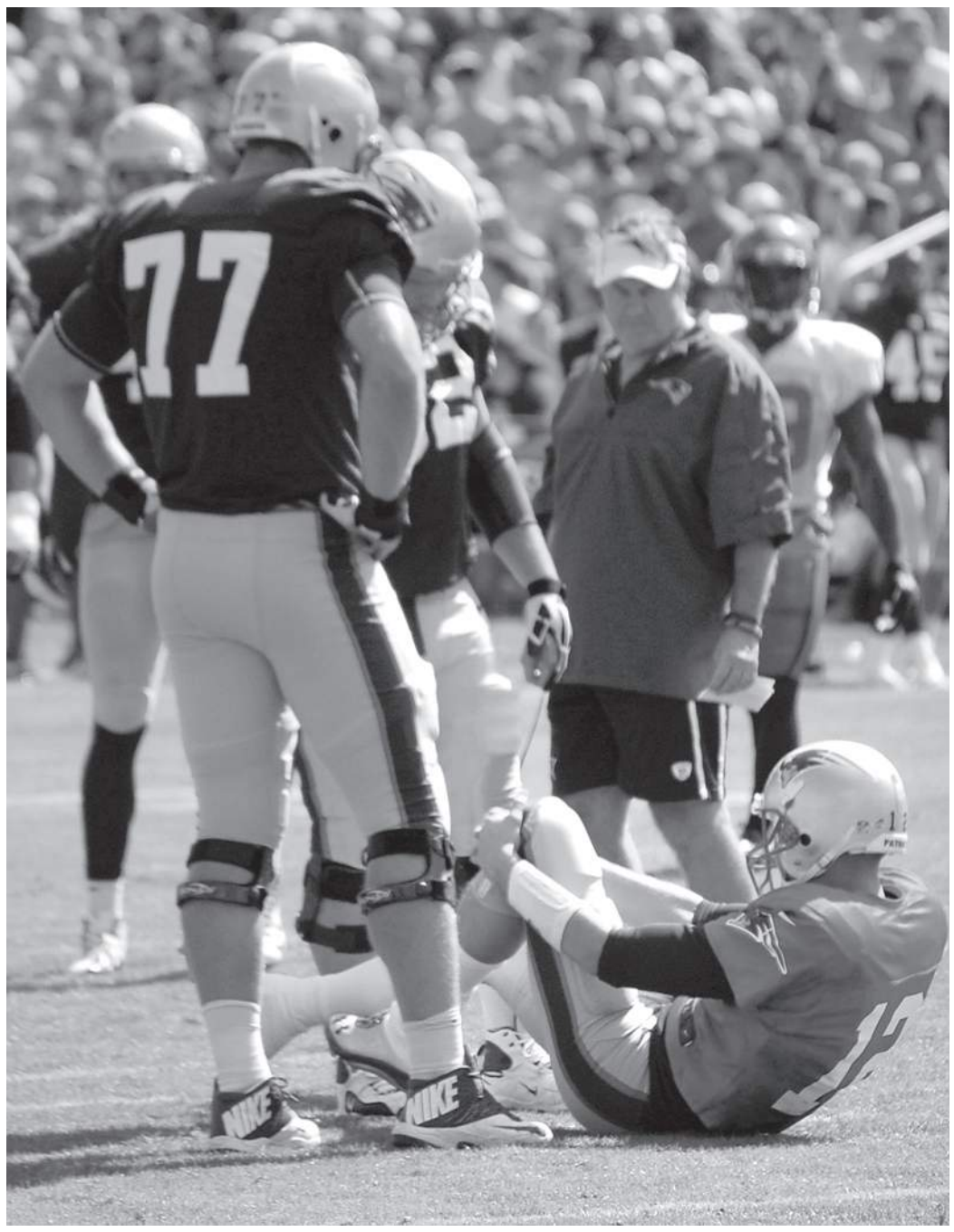
The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the Patriots didn't make an announcement.

The two-time league MVP had a season-ending injury to the same knee in the 2008 opener.

Brady was injured midway through practice Wednesday when left tackle Nate Solder was pushed into him by Tampa Bay defensive end Adrian Clayborn. Brady, entering his 14th NFL season, fell, rocked backward on the ground and held his left knee.

He went to the sideline then returned for a few more plays before talking with coach Bill Belichick and leaving the field toward the team's indoor practice facility next to it.

"You've always got to stay away from the quarterback (in practice)," Clayborn said. "You got a guy on his heels and my instinct is to keep going, so that's what I did."



AP

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady grabs his left knee after an apparent injury during a joint workout with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers at NFL football training camp, in Foxborough, Mass., Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2013.

The contact came just as Brady threw a long incompletion down the right sideline toward rookie Aaron Dobson.

"We're always working to protect," Solder said. "I'll have to see what happened on the film. I screwed some things up here and there."

In 2008, Brady tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee. The Patriots missed the playoffs that season. He has played every game since then and the team reached the playoffs in all four seasons.

New England is favored to win the weak AFC East for the 10th time in 11 years. Losing Brady would have made that much tougher.

After Brady left the field, third-year pro Ryan Mallett played with the first offensive unit and Tim Tebow, on his 26th birthday, played with the second team. Mallett threw an interception soon after taking over.

"I'm just trying to do my job," Mallett said. "I'm sure Tom will be fine and we'll just go on."

In his first series after Brady left, Tebow completed three of seven passes and looked fairly sharp. One of his passes was dropped.

Tebow left practice without speaking with reporters.

"Anytime anybody, especially a teammate, goes down it's a dark cloud. It's unfortunate," Patriots running back Shane Vereen said. "He went back out there, but we'll see."

Running back LaGarrette Blount was optimistic.

"He walked off," Blount said. "I'm sure he's cool. I'm sure he's fine."

But shortly before Blount spoke, a black helicopter landed on a field adjacent to the one where Brady was injured. Cameramen, apparently concerned that Brady might be airlifted to a hospital, rushed to record the landing.

"The helicopter has nothing to do with Tom," Patriots owner Jonathan Kraft said on WBZ-FM.

Tampa Bay coach Greg Schiano said he and Belichick stress to their players to rush the passer but let him throw the football and go past him.

"I didn't get to see" the hit on Brady, Schiano said. "I saw him laying there afterward. ... I hope he's OK."

Losing Brady would leave the Patriots without a proven starting quarterback. Mallett has thrown just four passes in his first two seasons and has been inconsistent during training camp. Tebow signed as a free agent on June 10 and has struggled with his throwing mechanics, a problem he's had since being drafted by the Denver Broncos in the first round in 2010.

"The big thing is just his familiarity with the offense, the way we do things - the play calling, the reads, formationing, just general things we do," Belichick said of Tebow. "The quarterback has to have a good understanding of all that. The more you do it, the more you get comfortable with it and the better you can execute it. I think that's no different, really, than any other young quarterback or quarterback coming into a new system."

In the Patriots' 31-22 exhibition win over the Philadelphia Eagles on Friday night, Mallett completed 9 of 18 passes for 97 yards. Tebow went 4 for 12 for 55 yards with three sacks and ran four times for 31 yards.

Brady completed 7 of 8 passes for 65 yards and one touchdown and left after the first two series.

Pekovic, Timberwolves agree on new 5-year, $60M deal

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Nikola Pekovic didn't want to leave Minnesota, and the Timberwolves weren't about to let him go.

After weeks of negotiations, waiting and watching, the two sides came to agreement on Wednesday on a new five-year contract worth $60 million that includes an additional $8 million in incentives.

"He's a dominating offensive player," Timberwolves president of basketball operations Flip Saunders said in a conference call. "He plays extremely hard. He probably will work as hard as he can to live up to a contract he signs, whatever it is worth."

After posting a career-high 16.3 points and 8.8 rebounds per game last season, the 27-year-old Pekovic was a restricted free agent when the NBA's fiscal year opened on July 1. That meant the Timberwolves had the right to match any offer he received from another team, and Saunders made it clear from the start that they would do whatever it took to keep him in Minnesota.

AP

In this March 24, 2013, file photo, Minnesota Timberwolves' Nikola Pekovic, left, of Montenegro, drives against Chicago Bulls' Nazr Mohammed during an NBA basketball game in Minneapolis.

In the end, that included adding a fifth year on the initial four-year, $48 million offer they presented Pekovic and his agent, Jeff Schwartz, a few weeks ago.

"With him and Kevin Love and Ricky Rubio, we've got three cornerstones in that franchise that all complement each other," Saunders said.

After three seasons in the NBA, Pekovic has emerged as one of the best offensive big men in an increasingly center-scarce league. He figured to garner a lot of interest from other teams looking to add some size and scoring to the paint. He waited for Dwight Howard to choose between several suitors. When Howard signed with the Houston Rockets, the belief was that a lucrative offer from one of the teams that missed out—perhaps the Hawks or Mavericks—could be on the way.

Both of those teams decided not to pursue Pekovic, but the Timberwolves were still left holding their breath in hopes that another team with abundant cap space like the Bucks would force their hand with a monster offer.

That offer never came. With the market settling down and the likelihood of another offer growing more remote by the day, Saunders came through with the fifth year on the deal to get it done. Because Pekovic was a restricted free agent and not signing an extension on his rookie deal, the Timberwolves still have the one five-year, rookie scale deal allowed by the current collective bargaining agreement for Rubio, if they so choose.

There was some question about whether giving Pekovic five years would agitate Love, who wasn't happy when previous president David Kahn refused to give him the team's "designated player" five-year extension in 2012. But Kahn was fired after last season and Saunders said he has had conversations about the Pekovic deal with Love, who gave his full support.

"More than anything else Kevin wants to win," Saunders said. "As we talked about Pek, he said, `You have to do what you have to do.' ... I don't know what's been done in the past and I really don't care. As he said, we're moving forward."

The 6-foot-11 Pekovic averaged just 0.8 blocks per game last season, meaning he isn't the classic rim protector that would be the biggest asset for a Timberwolves defense that is short on stoppers. He also missed 20 games last season and 15 the year before due to various nagging injuries that come about due to his physical style of play.

But keeping Pekovic was a priority for Saunders and Wolves coach Rick Adelman, who valued the Montenegrin's soft hands and quick feet in the post as well as his underrated pick-and-roll defense.

Now that his deal is done, Pekovic will team with Love and Rubio to form a promising young core for the Wolves, who will be pushing for their first postseason appearance since 2004. In a league that is getting smaller and smaller, with few dominant big men, the Wolves see Pekovic's size and strength as one of their best chances to create consistent mismatches in the demanding Western Conference.

The key will be keeping Pekovic on the floor. He has missed time due to various foot and ankle issues, most minor in nature that come from the pounding he takes on a nightly basis. When Saunders took over for Kahn earlier this summer, he said he thought the Wolves could make some adjustments that would help him and the rest of their players stay healthy over the long season.

Saunders said Wednesday that the target will be "in the 70s" in terms of the number of games Pekovic will play.

Dodgers rally to beat Mets 5-4 for 8th win in row

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Yasiel Puig turned a slow bouncer past the Mets' diving shortstop into a one-out double in the 12th inning then scored on Adrian Gonzalez's two-base hit, lifting the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 5-4 victory over New York on Wednesday night that extended their winning streak to eight games.

Andre Ethier tied the game with a two-run homer of LaTroy Hawkins in the ninth inning.

Puig legged out a double that glanced off the glove of shortstop Omar Quintanilla and into center field after going hitless in his first five at-bats. Gonzalez hit the next pitch off Pedro Feliciano (0-1) down the left field line, maintaining the Dodgers' 7 1/2-game lead over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Paco Rodriguez (3-2) pitched 1 1-3 scoreless innings for the victory.

The Dodgers completed a three-game sweep of the Mets with their sixth walk-off win of the season.

Nationals 6, Giants 5

In Washington, Denard Span made a diving catch in deep center field with two runners on base for the final out, and Washington held off San Francisco to earn its fifth straight victory.

Jordan Zimmermann (14-6) increased his NL-leading win total, allowing one run in seven innings and outpitching Tim Lincecum (6-12). Washington matched its longest winning streak of the season and moved within one victory of .500 for the first time since July 20.

Reds 5, Cubs 0

In Chicago, Bronson Arroyo pitched seven crisp innings, Todd Frazier homered and the Reds beat the Cubs to complete a three-game series sweep.

Arroyo (11-9) allowed two hits, struck out seven and walked none in his second straight win. The crafty right-hander retired his first nine batters and faced the minimum through six innings.

Pirates 5, Cardinals 1

In St. Louis, Francisco Liriano was dominant coming off the worst outing of his career and the Pirates got home runs from Pedro Alvarez and Garrett Jones in a victory over the Cardinals.

The win snapped a season-worst four-game losing streak and gave Pittsburgh a three-game lead in the NL Central.

Rockies 4, Padres 2

In Denver, Jorge De La Rose pitched seven solid innings, catcher Yorvit Torrealba completed a remarkable double play by tagging out two runners and the Rockies hung on to beat the Padres.

Corey Dickerson doubled twice, tripled and drove in two runs. Troy Tulowitzki had two hits and a pair of RBIs as Colorado completed a 5-1 homestand.

Braves 6, Phillies 3

In Atlanta, Chris Johnson drove in three runs, Jason Heyward homered and Brandon Beachy pitched six strong innings to help the Braves beat the Phillies.

The Braves have won two straight and 17 of 19 to lead the majors with a .612 winning percentage.

Philadelphia, which has lost seven of eight series since All-Star break, has dropped 19 of 23. The Phillies have lost 13 of 14 on the road.

Diamondbacks 5, Orioles 4, 14 innings

In Phoenix, Aaron Hill had a game-ending single with one out in the 14th inning to give the Diamondbacks their third straight walk-off win over the Orioles, 5-4.

Baltimore led all three games entering the seventh.

Hill forced extra innings with an RBI single in the ninth off Jim Johnson in the Orioles closer's ninth blown save of the season and second in as many days.

Rangers 5, Brewers 4

In Arlington, Texas, Elvis Andrus broke out of a slump with two hits and two RBIs, and the Rangers rallied for three runs in the seventh inning to beat the Brewers.

The AL West-leading Rangers were 7-40 when trailing after six innings before the rally that began in the seventh. Andrus had RBI single to snap an 0-for-13 skid and Ian Kinsler a two-run single that turned a two-run deficit into a lead for Texas.

Yankees 11, Angels 3

In New York, Alfonso Soriano homered twice for the second straight night and drove in a career-high seven runs, giving him a staggering 13 RBIs in two games while powering the suddenly potent New York Yankees to a victory over the Los Angeles Angels.

Soriano hit an early grand slam and became the third player to knock in at least six runs in back-to-back games since RBIs became an official statistic in 1920, according to STATS. The others were Texas' Rusty Greer in August 1997 and Milwaukee's Geoff Jenkins in April 2001.

Blue Jays 4, Red Sox 3, 10 innings

In Toronto, Brett Lawrie singled home the winning run in the 10th inning and Toronto beat Boston to handing the AL East-leading Red Sox their fourth loss in six games.

Rajai Davis doubled off Brandon Workman (3-2) to begin the 10th and went to third on Jose Bautista's grounder. Edwin Encarnacion was intentionally walked to bring up Lawrie, who lined a two-strike pitch off the glove of shortstop Stephen Drew, bringing Davis home with the winning run.

Tigers 6, White Sox 4

In Chicago, Miguel Cabrera hit a towering three-run homer and Detroit ended a three-game skid with a win over Chicago.

A year after winning the Triple Crown, Cabrera has 38 homers, 114 RBIs and is hitting .360 for the AL Central-leading Tigers, who had lost four of five following a 12-game winning streak.

Rays 5, Mariners 4

In St. Petersburg, Fla, Jason Bourgeois hit an RBI single to cap Tampa Bay's two-run rally in the ninth inning and the Rays ended a six-game losing streak with a win over Seattle.

The Rays trailed 4-3 when Ben Zobrist opened the ninth with a triple off the top of the right-field wall against rookie Danny Farquhar (0-1).

Indians 9, Twins 8, 12 innings

In Minneapolis, Michael Brantley hit a sacrifice fly in the 12th inning and Cleveland rallied past Minnesota for just its third win in the last 10 games.

Nick Swisher and Jason Kipnis singled off Ryan Pressly (3-3) to open the 12th. Swisher moved to third on a fly out and scored easily on Brantley's sac fly to center field.

Astros 2, Athletics 1, 11 innings

In Oakland, Calif., Carlos Corporan hit an RBI double in the 11th inning, lifting the Astros to a win over the Athletics.

Jose Altuve singled with one out off A's reliever Sean Doolittle (3-4) and was headed for third on Corporan's double when Oakland center fielder Chris Young bobbled the ball. Altuve alertly rounded third and scored the tie-breaking run while Corporan was caught in a rundown between second and third.

Rangers 5, Brewers 4

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The AL West-leading Rangers were 7-40 when trailing after six innings before Andrus had an RBI single to snap an 0-for-13 skid and Ian Kinsler hit a two-run single to give the Rangers the lead.

Texas won for the 14th time in 16 games after snapping an eight-game win streak Tuesday.

Marlins 5, Royals 2

In Kansas City, Mo., Justin Ruggiano snapped a franchise-worst 0-for-42 slump with a single in the first inning and added two more hits and drove in a run as Miami beat Kansas City.

Ruggiano drove in the Marlins' first run, but they still trailed 2-1 when Koyie Hill doubled off reliever Tim Collins (2-6) to start the seventh. Christian Yelich then hit a grounder toward third that utility man Elliot Johnson let through his legs to put runners on second and third.

Donovan Solano and Logan Morrison followed with RBI groundouts to give the Marlins the lead.

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Cruise control in Shirley's Badminton Classic

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After close matches in the first two days of Week 2 action in the 2013 Shirley's Badminton Classics, players finally coasted to victories last Sunday at the TSL Sports Complex.

Eleven of the 16 matches scheduled last Sunday ended after only two games with favored Hannah Choi of the Class A singles leading the list of players who notched wins via sweeps. Choi was paired against Cristy Villaflor and nailed a 21-16, 21-14 victory. The Choi-VIllaflor tiff was one of the last batch of games last Sunday and the other one also resulted in a two-game win for Alma Ortega and Lucelle Lampera, who downed Lani Santos and Elna Curate in Class B doubles, 21-10, 21-8. Completing the last batch of winners were Loida Ito and Shirley Kim, who edged Lampera and Michelle Santos in another Class B tiff, 21-16, 9-21, 21-20.

Lani Bartolome steps in for a return during a singles match in the 2013 Shirley's Badminton Classic at the TSL Sports Complex.
ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Meanwhile, other players who posted victories after only two games were Mario Diola and Gary Bandoja; Sando Park and You Hancheoi; Joel Ortega and Oh Im Bog; Windy Fernandez and Toshiko Obata; Shirley Kim and Anna Alvarez; Dianne Francisco; and Janelle Pangilinan.

Pangilinan swept Villaflor, 21-15, 21-10, and Francisco outclassed Fernandez, 21-18, 21-6, in the women's Class B singles. In doubles, Kim and Alvarez prevailed over Loida Ito and Elna Curate in Class B, 21-16, 21-16 and Obata and Fernandez edge Ortega and Francisco, 21-20, 21-20.

In the men's doubles, Ortega and Oh defeated Aries Cordero and Joseph Santos, 21-17, 21-19; Park and Hancheoi topped A.J. and Allan Ortega, 21-17, 21-18; and Diola and Badoja triumphed over Brendon Talania and Chris HIlario, 21-19, 21-17.

Meanwhile, the four other wins via three games last Sunday were recorded by Macoi Aguda, Lani Bartolome, and the pairs or Cordero and Santos and Oh and Ortega.

FIFA asks WCup host Russia to explain anti-gay law

GENEVA (AP)— FIFA has asked authorities in 2018 World Cup host Russia for "clarification and more details" about a new anti-gay law, joining the International Olympic Committee in seeking answers from Moscow.

Legislation prohibiting "propaganda of nontraditional sexual relations among minors" has provoked an international furor since President Vladimir Putin signed it off in June and sparked growing concern at the IOC leading to the Sochi Winter Games in February.

The two most influential organizations in world sports are both now asking Russia how the law would be enforced during their marquee events.

"FIFA has asked the Russian authorities for clarification and more details on this new law," soccer's governing body said in a statement Tuesday.

"Russia has committed to provide all visitors and fans with a warm welcome and ensure their safety" during the monthlong tournament, FIFA said, adding that "FIFA trusts that the 2018 FIFA World Cup hosts will deliver on this promise."

FIFA has a direct link to the Russian government, with Sports Minister Vitaly Mutko serving under FIFA President Sepp Blatter on the soccer body's 27-member executive board.

Mutko has said that Olympic athletes would have to respect the country's laws during the Feb. 7-23 Winter Games, and that international reaction needed to "calm down."

FIFA noted that its statutes "foresee zero tolerance against discrimination."

Article 3 states: "Discrimination of any kind against a country, private person or group of people on account of ethnic origin, gender, language, religion, politics or any other reason is strictly prohibited and punishable by suspension or expulsion."

Russia was awarded World Cup hosting rights in December 2010, when FIFA's board chose it ahead of England and joint bids from Spain-Portugal and the Netherlands-Belgium. That same day in Zurich, FIFA awarded the 2022 World Cup to Qatar, where homosexual acts are illegal.

Blatter drew criticism soon after the World Cup votes when he suggested that gay soccer fans could "refrain from any sexual activities" while attending the World Cup in the Gulf nation.

In May, after FIFA member countries approved tougher sanctions for discrimination, Blatter was asked what gay fans and players could expect in Qatar, and said that he could not offer "a definite answer" at this stage.

The potential effect on the Sochi Olympics of Russia's attitude toward gay rights is playing out during campaigning for the six-man race to be elected IOC president on Sept. 10.

On Monday, candidate C. K. Wu of Taiwan said that "we are not joking" with Russia, and suggested that future bidders should be judged more strictly on their human rights record and follow the Olympic charter.

"This should become a basic qualification if you want to apply to host the games," Wu said.

UFO caging to finalize ground rules, kick-off date Monday

The United Filipino Organization will hold a meeting for participating teams in the 11th Inter-Organizational Basketball League this Monday, Aug. 19, 6:30pm at the Don Pedro Restaurant across Gener's Barbershop in Garapan.

UFO president Annamae Adaza said the meeting will finalize the upcoming league's ground rules, kick-off date, schedules of games, and all other pertinent matters that needed to be discussed.

She added that UFO already finalized the playing venue for the league after selecting the TSL Sports Complex. Adaza also said TSL Foundation is one of the sponsors of the league.

The UFO caging will also be having a best in uniform and best muse competition during the opening ceremony.

Adaza said the league is hoping to have three divisions for the 2013 competition— the masters, open, and youth divisions.

Marpac/Budweiser has already agreed to bankroll the masters division and Adaza said she is asking other businesses to sponsor the open and youth divisions.

For more information on the UFO caging, call league coordinator Bok Enano at 287-9756, league commissioner Ed Manalili at 483-4337, or Basketball Association of the Northern Mariana Islands' Abner Venus at 785-6122. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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last Wednesday after stunning Lamorelle, 6-0, 1-6, 6-2. Tan and Lamorelle meet anew today for the bronze medal in their division.

In the boys U15, Chris Cajigan, who missed last year's semifinals, is one step closer from finishing on top of his age group. Cajigan eliminated Fiji's Krishan Raju in the quarterfinals last Wednesday, 6-3, 6-0, and then foiled an all-New Caledonia finals after surviving Manoa Desvignes in the semifinals yesterday, 6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-2. Desvignes' compatriot and Cajigan's namesake Christopher Shan took the other finals berth after ousting Papua New Guinea's Mathew Stubbings, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, and American Samoa's Kevin Maukoloa, 6-0, 6-1.

In the girls U15, the CNMI missed a finals stint after Tammy Ackerman bowed to Palau's Ayana Rengiil, 4-6, 1-6. Ackerman dropped to the consolation game against Fiji's Mulan Kamoe, who also lost to Vanuaty's Vinda Teally in the other Final Four pairing, 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-3.

The Commonwealth fell short on its finals' bid in the girls U18 singles, too, as both Thea Minor and Mikayla Lopez dropped their respective semis matches. Top-ranked Annie Shannon of Fiji blanked Lopez in the semifinals, 6-0, 6-0, while Vanuatu's Lorraine Bainimataku outclassed Minor, 6-4, 6-4.

In the boys U18, Amami Sakano, Tommy Choi, and Jake Lee are battling for the No. 5 to 8 positions after missing the Final Four round.

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throwing a barrage of punches and kicks and one of my punches briefly dropped him. He got right back up but that put a good score on my cards and gave me confidence so I kept pushing the pace. I knew I had a lot of gas and I was feeling great in there so I was not worried on tiring out and I knew I was slowly getting him tired," Alvarez added.

In the third round, Reyes tried to get back with Alvarez, using his takedown skills, but the former stayed with his game plan, which is to have a stand-up fight.

"In the next round I came out with the same intensity and was feeling good showcasing my stand-up skills. He then took me down in the second round after I connected with a few big punches and he probably won the round if not evened it out," Alvarez said.

Thinking that he may only have a slight edge over Reyes, Alvarez went for the kill in the third and final round to convince the judges he had what it takes to win in PXC.

"In the third round I knew I had to go all out. I could see that he was pretty gassed so I kept the pace and when we went down to the ground for the second time with two minutes left, I reversed it and finished him off with top pounding to win the decision," the Saipan fighter said.

With the victory in his PXC debut, Alvarez hopes to land more fights in Guam and also in the Philippines. As for local fights, the son of Trench Trench promoter Cuki Alvarez said he wishes to have a rematch with Guam's Rob Wusstig here before the year ends. Wusstig handed Alvarez his lone loss after earning a win via split decision in their featherweight title bout in Trench Warz 15: Supremacy in December 2011.

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Kalayaan and save his team from elimination.

Meanwhile, two more quarterfinals berth will be at stake today when Five O Restaurant takes on Yuichiro at 6pm and Fong's Fliptop meets Ballaholics at 8pm. Winner of the first game will duel Adobo in the quarterfinals on Monday, while the victor of the second match will challenge Sister Market.

First Game

Maplas 59 – Ocampo 14, Mendoza 12, R. Usi 10, Aniciete 6, Morales 6, Surla 3, Pangelinan 2.

Kalayaan 56 – Caro 12, Chan 11, R. Hernandez 9, Herrera 8, Brennan 7, Apelo 2, Leriod 2, Lejano 2, Jung 1.

Scoring by quarters: 13-20, 36-36, 51-42, 59-56.

Second Game

Kamikaze 76 – De Dios 22, Reyes 14, R. Sacramento 12, Santos 8, Rivera 7, A. Sacramento 4, Lagmay 2.

Navy Hill 69 – Vinas 23, Rebuyon 15, Diaz 10, Devero 6, Buenabajo 4, Camacho 4, Culala 3.

Scoring by quarters: 14-16, 37-36, 55-46, 76-69.

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Tampa Bay	67	51	.568	3
Baltimore	65	55	.542	6
New York	62	57	.521	8 1/2
Toronto	55	65	.458	16

Central Division

Detroit	70	49	.588	_
Cleveland	65	56	.537	6
Kansas City	62	56	.525	7 1/2
Minnesota	53	65	.449	16 1/2
Chicago	46	73	.387	24

West Division

Texas	70	51	.579	_
Oakland	67	52	.563	2
Seattle	55	64	.462	14
Los Angeles	53	66	.445	16
Houston	39	80	.328	30

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East Division

Atlanta	74	47	.612	_
Washington	59	60	.496	14
New York	54	64	.458	18 1/2
Philadelphia	53	67	.442	20 1/2
Miami	46	73	.387	27

Central Division

Pittsburgh	71	48	.597	_
St. Louis	68	51	.571	3
Cincinnati	68	52	.567	3 1/2
Chicago	52	68	.433	19 1/2
Milwaukee	52	68	.433	19 1/2

West Division

Los Angeles	70	50	.583	_
Arizona	62	57	.521	7 1/2
Colorado	57	65	.467	14
San Diego	54	66	.450	16
San Francisco	52	67	.437	17 1/2

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Lopsided wins mark Rotary U15 opening

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The U15 division of the 22nd Annual Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League started last Saturday with three teams cruising to victories at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

In the first game, KFC/Taco Bell walloped the Ol'Aces 1, 66-35.

The Ol'Aces 1 kept up with KFC/Taco Bell in the first quarter, trailing at 14-20, but was held to 2 points in the second, allowing the latter to build a 28-16 advantage at the break. KFC/Taco Bell kept going in the second half en route to the 31-point win.

C.J. Morales paced KFC/Taco Bell with his 26 points, while Wilfredo Francisco added 19.

Dustin Sablan led the Ol'Aces 1, nailing 11 markers, while Jayron Epity chipped in 10.

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A KFC/Taco Bell player goes up for a jumper against two Ol'Aces 1 defenders during their game in the U15 division of the Rotary caging last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Rebelholics 55, Ol'Aces 2 12

In the second game, the Rebelholics crushed the Ol'Aces 2.

The Rebelholics was simply too much to handle for the Ol'Aces 2, which was scoreless in the first period and kept struggling on offense in the last three quarters.

In contrast, scoring was not a problem for Rebelholics, which drew double figures from four players. Mike Arciaga and Isaiah Retan drilled 12 points each, while Kyle Rios and Markel Toves logged 10 apiece. Duncan Laxa was the leading scorer for the Ol'Aces, but made only 4 points.

DYS 74, Rollers 32

In the third game, DYS doubled up Rollers.

DYS was in control of the match right at the get-go and was never threatened to win its debut.

DYS got at least two field goals each from four players to erect a 22-10 advantage and increased the lead in the last three periods to post the 42-point winning margin.

Kobe Mendoza led all scorers with his 18 points, while John Samuel Darag and Antonino Santos Jr. contributed 12 and 11, respectively.

Ylac Caracut had 11 points for Rollers.

First Game

KFC/Taco Bell 66 – Morales 26, Francisco 10, Cruz 7, Espinosa 6, Alipio 4, Borromeo 2, Wong 2, Fidelino 2.

Ol'Aces 1 35 – Sablan 11, Epity 10, Nabors 9, Gueverra 3, King 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-14, 28-16, 44-24, 66-35.

Second Game

Rebelholics 55 – Arciaga 12, Retan 12, Toves 10, Rios 10, Sagun 5, Deocares 4, Sabana 2.

Ol'Aces 2 12 – Laxa 4, Itaas 2, Celis 2, Basa 2.

Scoring by quarters: 14-0, 22-6, 40-10, 55-12.

Third Game

DYS 74 – Mendoza 18, Darag 12, Santos 11, Flores 9, Ellama 8, De Leon 6, Cenir 6, Venus.

Rollers 32 – Caracut 11, Yu 7, Cabacha 6, Pangelinan 2, Valencia 2.

Scoring by quarters: 22-10, 36-18, 65-20, 74-32.

Saipan vs France in ROP 15 main event

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Saipan's Mylo "Bam Bam" Lassiter and France's Ferrid "Hurricane" Kheder headline tonight's Rites of Passage 15: Wrath of the Warriors.

Lassiter and Kheder square off in a 200-lb main event bout, while 16 other fights will also unfold tonight at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort.

Trench Tech bet Lassiter holds a 5-2 win-loss mark, according to Sherdog.com, a website that lists MMA fighters' marks. He has three wins via TKO, including a victory in ROP 12: Unstoppable against Japan's Pete Miyasaki. Lassiter showered Miyasaki with punches and the bout was quickly stopped at the 2:40 mark of the first round.

The 6'1" Lassiter recorded his victory over Miyasaki on April 20, 2012 and got another win last year against Marquis Navarro in Trench Warz 16: Fire Power via arm bar submission at the 4:01 mark of the third round. However, Lassiter's streak of three pro wins (he also won over Manny Chong in Trench Wars 15 in Dec. 2011) ended early this year when he bowed to Roque Martinez in PXC 36, losing the March 8 bout via unanimous decision.

Khedder has more fights than Lassiter and holds a 22-11 record with eight wins off TKOs. He dropped six of his last seven bouts dating back to June 2011, earning his only win in a two-year span against Adrian Rodrigues off a submission (neck crank) in the first round of their duel in the Shidokan Costa Rica-Live Super Fights on March 23, 2013. Khedder, a veteran of world championships and competed in judo in the 2000 Olympic Games, is originally from Tunisia, but suited up for the French team from 1993 to 2001.

Meanwhile, tonight's ROP 15 will start with three K-1 bouts. Team Makpo's Ferrick Aguon takes on Trench Tech's Benjie Estoque in the curtain raiser, while the two other K-1 fights will feature Guam Muay Thai's Albert Andrea and Josh Javellana against Team Makpo's L.J. George and Pwang's Pete "Project K" Keju, respectively.

For the MMA fights lineup, 13 bouts are scheduled tonight before the main event: Zalaka's Danny Cruz vs Zeng Zung's Pete "The Best Cepeda"; Zeng Zung's Regino "The Kid" Mundo vs. Trench Tech's Vince Torres; Zalaka's Jordan Manglona vs. R.A.A.'s Ray Camacho; Zalaka's Allan Aguon vs. IND Guam's Paul Muna; Zeng Zung's JD Castro vs. Trench Tech's T.J. Sablan; Zeng Zung's Jerry Mundo vs. Team Slice's Jake Ilo or Walt Florencio; Ray "Dissa" Garry vs. Trench Tech's A.J. "Mini Mouse" Aldan; Trench Tech's Francisco "Pak Pak" Palacios vs. Team Madhouse's Daniel Floor; R.A.A.'s Jake Ray vs Trench Tech's Benedict Estoque; Team Slice's Kevin "Big Stack" Patubo vs Team's Tiger Yatsui; and Marianas Elite's Derick "El Peligro" Rangamar vs Trench Tech/Spike 22's Roman "Boom" Alvarez.

The weigh-in for ROP 15 was held yesterday, while bouts start tonight at 7pm.

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Saipan's Mylo "Bam Bam" Lassiter, right, and France's Ferrid "Hurricane" Kheder are seen in this promotional poster of Rites of Passage 15: Wrath of the Warriors.

Docomo: Bumper crop of participants in golf classic

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Triple J Motors general manager Randy Steele delivers a 2013 Hyundai Elantra as a hole-in-one prize for the upcoming Docomo Pacific Golf Classic to Docomo Pacific's James Nelson and Pauline Johnson. The Docomo Pacific Golf Classic will be held on Aug. 31 at the Mariana Country Club.

Docomo Pacific general manager James Nelson is expecting the Marianas Country Club to be swarming with golfers when his company hosts the 4th Annual Docomo Paciifc Golf Classic on Aug. 31.

"With each passing year, the participant level increases. In 2010, we only attracted 69 golfers. The following year, we managed to get 91 golfers to play and last year, the number of participants grew to 136. This year, we expect to fill the course with 144 golfers, so we encourage everyone to sign-up early. We also expect a few golfers from Guam to join the event this year," he said in an email to the *Saipan Tribune*.

Nelson said he founded the golf tournament shortly after arriving on Saipan in 2009. His main goal was to help the islands' No. 1 economy, which is tourism.

"When I arrived on Saipan on June 2009, I wanted to host a signature event that would benefit a non-profit organization. After talking with a few friends in the tourism industry, I learned that there was an organization called the Marianas Tourism Education Council. MTEC's mission is to develop and implement tourism-related programs for the public high school students in the CNMI. MTEC is funded in part by the Marianas Visitors Authority and organized by volunteers within the tourism industry. As with any non-profit organization, MTEC needed additional funds to keep the programs going from year to year. In addition, MTEC wanted to get the high school students from Tinian and Rota involved in the program as well. So, MTEC and the high school students will continue to be the beneficiaries of the tournament for years to come."

Nelson added that over the past three years, the Docomo Pacific Golf Classic has built a reputation of being a fun and relaxing event that is enjoyed by all the participants.

"There is always plenty of food, drink, and raffle prizes. One of the signature features of the tournament is the hot-dog and watermelon stands on the golf course. We're the only tournament that offers this perk and the golfers truly enjoy it. In addition, we are the most 'affordable' golf tournament with an entry fee of only $85 which includes cart and green fees, on-course refreshments, and awards banquet."

The Docomo Pacific official also took time to thank the tournament's main sponsors, which include First Hawaiian Bank, DFS Saipan Ltd, Mobil, McDonald's Saipan, and the Tan Siu Lin Foundation.

He also extended his gratitude to hole-in-one sponsors Joeten Motors, Bank of Hawaii, and Triple J Motors, and other sponsors like Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan, Delta Air Lines, MVA, Pacific Islands Club, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Dickerson & Quinn, Kautz Glass, and DataDot Micronesia.

"With any fundraising event, sponsors play a key role and with each passing year, we manage to keep the sponsors who have been supporting the event since its inaugural. With each passing year, the event has also manages to attract new sponsors, whether it be for cash or in-kind donations. This of course is truly appreciate by the tournament organizers and MTEC and we will continue to welcome new sponsors for the event," he said.

Entry forms for the 4th Annual Docomo Pacific Golf Classic are available at the Docomo Pacific store on Middle Road in Gualo Rai. Entry fees are accepted at Docomo Pacific. Golfers are encouraged to enter as soon as possible. The deadline for entries is 5pm on Aug. 28.

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3 CNMI bets enter POJC finals

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Carol Lee, seen here going for a volley during a local tournament early this year, made it to the finals of the girls U12 singles of the 2013 Pacific Oceania Junior Champions yesterday in Fiji.

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Three CNMI netters made it to the finals of singles events in the 2013 ITF Pacific Oceania Junior Championships.

Michael Ren and Carol Lee marched into the championship round of the U12 singles divisions after downing separate foes yesterday in Nadi, Fiji, while Christopher Cajigan earned a finals trip in the boys U15 singles after winning his semis game in Lautoka.

Ren, which swept his five games in Pool A to gain the top seeding in his group, was incidentally paired with fellow CNMI player Robbie Schorr in the semifinals and won after only two sets, 6-3, 6-2. Ren will try to win the U12 crown against Gillian Osmont, who prevailed in the all-Tahiti semis match against Joshua Manate. Schorr, who secured the second and last semis berth in Pool B after pulling off an upset over the second-ranked Ben Pechan of Vanuatu, 6-0, 6-3, last Wednesday, and Manate collide in the battle for third place today.

In the girls U12 singles, Lee, who was undefeated in Pool A, barged into the finals after sweeping Tahiti's Lea Lamorelle in the semifinals, 6-1, 6-1. In the other semis pairing, Tania Tan missed an all-CNMI finals after losing to Tahiti's Naia Guitton, 3-6, 2-6. The loss was only Tan's first, as she cleaned up her Pool B matches

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Kamikaze, Maplas march into quarterfinals

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Kamikaze and Maplas survived the first playoff round in the 2013 DL Corp. Invitational Basketball after eliminating separate foes last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Maplas edged Kalayaan in the opening match, 59-56, while Kamikaze downed Navy Hill in the second game, 76-69. Both Maplas and Kamikaze are now in the quarterfinals and will face Mawati and RadioCom in the next round tomorrow.

Put in a must-win situation, Kamikaze and Navy Hill slugged it out in the first half with only 1 point separating the opposing teams, 37-36. They kept breathing on each other's neck in the first half of the third period before Kamikaze gained some cushion in the final half behind the baskets of Marlon De Dios, Allen Reyes, and Jerald Rivera. By the end of the third, Kamikaze turned a shaky 1-point lead to 8, 55-47.

Kamikaze then tasted its biggest advantage at the 63-49 tally, but Navy Hill was not ready to give up and launched an 8-0 run to move within 6, 57-63, with about five minutes left in the game. However, Kamikaze countered with a 7-0 rally to pull the plug on Navy Hill. Abe Sacramento started the pivotal run with a putback off a De Dios miss, while the latter converted his patented baseline drive, and Rodney Sacramento completed an and-1 play to bring Kamikaze's lead back to double digits, 70-67, going into the final three minutes of the match.

De Dios top-scored for Kamikaze with his 22 points, while Reyes added 14.

In the first game, Rommel Usi came to Maplas' rescue, scoring all of the team's 7 points in the fourth canto.

Maplas was ahead by 9 at the end of the third, 42-52, but Kalayaan slowly worked its way back into the game behind Roy Hernandez. Fortunately for Maplas, Usi, who was held to one field goal in the first three quarters, showed up in the fourth and hit timely baskets to thwart

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Kamikaze's Allen Reyes pulls up for a jumper against Navy Hill's Francis Rebuyon, center, and Dave Camacho during their playoff game in the DL Corp. caging last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

'Pikaboo' wins PXC debut

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Trench Tech's Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez made the grade in his Pacific Xtreme Combat debut after beating Spike 22's Tony "Rush" Reyes in their bantamweight bout in PXC 38 last Friday at the University of Guam Fieldhouse.

Alvarez won via unanimous decision to improve his win-loss record to 10-1, while Reyes fell to a 5-7 slate.

Realizing that he had to make an early impression in his PXC debut, Alvarez came rushing to Reyes right from the opening bell.

"I was the aggressor pushing the pace and throwing a lot more punches. I also had cage control, as he was the one running back while I was the stalker," the 20-year-old fighter said.

"The first round was the round that was best for me. I came out quick and snappy not hesitating to engage. I was

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Trench Tech's Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez, right, holds on to the arms of Spike 22's Tony "Rush" Reyes during their bantamweight bout in PXC 38 last Friday at the University of Guam Fieldhouse.